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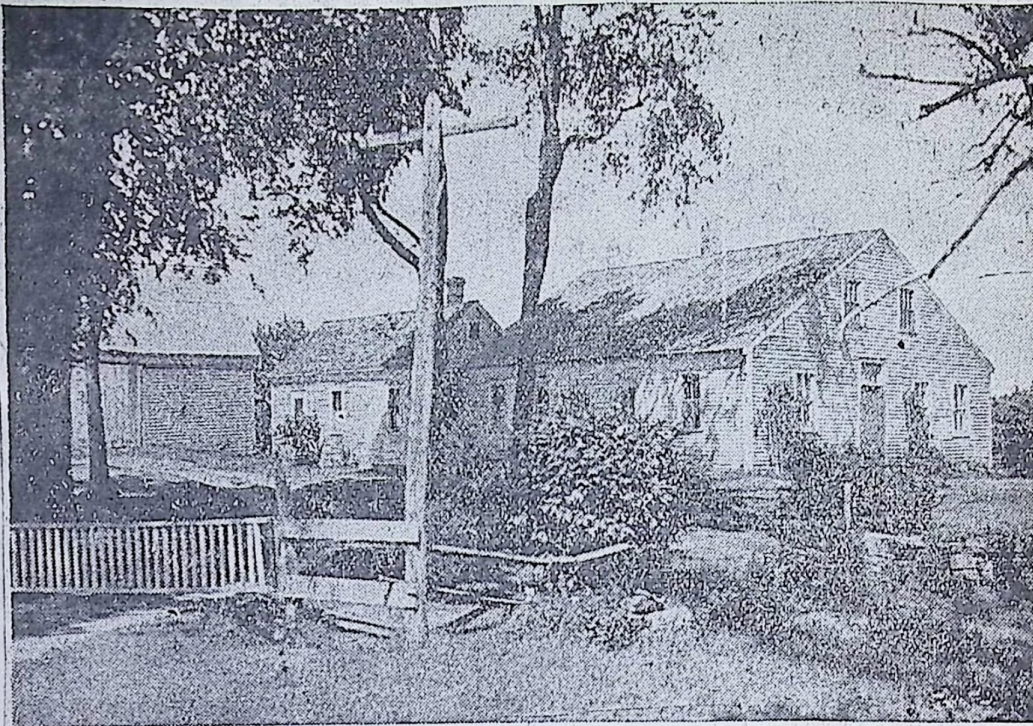
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JAMES S. WARD HOUSE, FERRY LANE



Members of the Ward family are not certain just when the old house in Ferry Lane was built, but Mr. Ward's father occupied it for 75 years. The house was built by a man named Smith. A man named Laselle married a daughter of the man who built the house. John Patten married a daughter of Laselle, and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Patten December 25, 1797. All were ancestors of Mr. Ward and pictures of seven generations of the family are in the living-room of the house. Among the pictures at the home are seven generations of men, Israel Laselle, John Patten, Horace Ward, John Patten Ward, James S. Ward, Sr., James S. Ward, Jr., and Howard Stackpole.

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IG, MAY 11, 1937.

HENRY D. EVANS DIED SUDDENLY

Well - Known Hotel Proprietor Was in Automobile

Henry D. Evans, proprietor of the Ocean View hotel at Biddeford Pool, former Main street merchant and prominent in church and fraternal circles in this city, died suddenly Monday night in Portland.

Mr. Evans was at the wheel of his car and attempting to turn around on Sewall street, Portland, when he died. Dr. Wilbur P. Leighton, medical examiner for Cumberland county, said heart disease caused his death. His age was 69 years, 2 months and 26 days.

He had accompanied his wife to Portland and was driving through that city when he became confused following Route 1, turning into Sewall street by mistake. He had asked for directions and returned to his car to continue his way. While attempting to turn his automobile he slumped over in the seat and died.

Mr. Evans was born in this city, the son of Thomas L. and Elizabeth Davis Evans. He was educated in the local schools and for several years was associated with his brother, Thomas L. Evans, in conducting a variety store on Main street.

For 30 years Mr. Evans was engaged in the hotel business at Biddeford Pool. He conducted the Ocean View hotel there and had been successful in this business, catering to visitors who make Biddeford Pool their summer residence for many weeks each year.

Mr. Evans served as head deacon of the Second Congregational (White) church for many years and was active in the interests of this parish, serving the church in several capacities in recent years. He was greatly interested in the Men's club of the parish and devoted much of his time to this church activity.

He was a member of all the Masonic bodies and for years had taken much interest in their activities. He served in several offices for the order.

Mr. Evans was keenly interested in development of Biddeford Pool and while in business here was active with the business organizations in the interests of the city as a whole.

His loss will be greatly felt at Biddeford Pool and in the church and fraternal circles.

Mr. Evans leaves his widow, Mrs. Florence D. Evans, one daughter, Miss Mary H. Evans, who is attending school in Boston; one brother, Thomas L. Evans of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Hattie E. Mullen of Erie, Pa.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the White church.



William Goodwin, Fred Nichols, Albert Perc, Thomas Flanagan, Roy Thompson.

NG, JUNE 23, 1937.

SHIP'S ANCHOR UNEARTHED

Blast Uncovers Old- Time Iron Anchor at Dam

The unearthing of a ship's anchor of sufficient size and ruggedness of construction to have once held a large sailing vessel, by a blast set off near the foot of Cataract falls over the week-end has the antiquarians of both cities conjecturing.

Its origin seems as deeply bathed in the misty vales of the past as was the debris which once covered it during each spring freshet.

Brought to view from its resting place many feet below the slag and earth which was the course of the Saco river a few short weeks ago by the "powder" crew of the Sanders construction company, the anchor, estimated to weigh approximately 160 pounds, shows little signs of rust or corrosion.

An arm wrenched from the shank by the blast indicates that the anchor was constructed of iron by a shipwright of yesteryear.

The unusual find in such a position has aroused the imaginations of the many citizens who gather daily at vantage spots to watch the progress of a dam construction.

A Saco contractor believes that some ancient craft cast anchor in the lee of the falls only to be forced to abandon the position hurriedly when the hostile Indians appeared.

A river man of years of experience likes to surmise that some buccaneer, Captain Kidd possibly, once cast this very anchor to hold his craft while burying stolen treasure in caverns at the base of nearby cliffs.

Maine historians uphold this contention in part as both the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers are said to have borne his piratical crafts along on their swift currents in days of yore. And if he cruised that near is it not possible that Saco falls and vicinity knew his bloodstained tread, this man inquires.

JUNE 3, 1938.

JOHN E. BERRY DIED FRIDAY

John Edward Berry, 60, a former resident of this city and of Saco, who has been making his home in Enfield, Conn., and spending summers at Fortunes Rocks, died at a local hospital yesterday after a short illness.

He was born in this city, son of John and Mary DuPlissa Berry. He attended the local public schools and was graduated from Thornton academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth college with the class of 1900.

Mr. Berry leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna M. Berry, a son, John, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence S. Garland, of Saco.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Garland, 76 North street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.



Republican leaders on the platform at the State Convention Thursday at Bangor. At the top, left to right, on the platform as the convention proceeded, are the Rev. I. S. Senator Wallace H. White, Jr.; Ex-Gov. Percival P. Baxter, chairman of the convention State Committee; and U. S. Senator Frederick Hale.

At the left below is a group of York County Republicans. Left to right they are Fred H. Goss, Mrs. Burnham and Mrs. Goss, all of Kittery; and Chester H. Stone and

By Staff Photographer.

and lesser party lights in attendance.

Rev. Wayne L. Robison of Bangor, who delivered the prayer; Rev. Arthur Eugene Sewall of York, chairman of the Republican

Raymond Hobbs, Hollis Cole, George Boulter, Elmer J. Burnham, M. E. Chenery, both of Berwick.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

Joseph Paine of Portland, an enterprising contractor, first introduced the use of coaches with four horses in this part of the country and it is claimed effected more towards the facilities of traveling in Maine than any other individual. He also carried the mail on his coaches.

And by-the-way, until 1802 the Biddeford postoffice was located in the public house of Messrs. Hooper in this city. That year it was removed to Cutts Island, where it continued until 1807, when it was moved to a little white building on Factory Island in Saco, known for a long time afterwards as the postoffice building. A few years later, another move was made, this time to what was known as the Hayes block on Factory Island. John Cleaves of Saco was appointed postmaster and served one term. Following the expiration of the term of Mr. Cleaves there were several postmasters, but there is no record as far as can be learned of their names. In 1840, Bowden Green took charge of the office. When his term expired in April, 1849, Dr. F. F. Storer was named for the postmastership and served until 1853. The late Ira H. Foss, afterwards agent of the York Mfg. Co., acted as clerk until Dr. Storer's term expired. Charles Nutter succeeded Dr.

Storer. It was during his term that the postoffice was removed to the old postoffice building in Pepperell square, where it was located for years. The building was torn down a few years ago.

Following Mr. Nutter came James M. Andrews and after he had completed his term, Sumner S. Richards, afterwards cashier of the Saco National bank, assumed charge of the office, serving until 1871, when James M. Andrews was appointed and acted as such for eight years. After Mr. Andrews came Judge Samuel F. Chase, who was appointed under President Hayes and served in that capacity until April, 1886.

MAY 25, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

Mrs. Mary S. Kimball furnishes additional information of interest regarding the brick yard of Nat Kimball at the foot of York hill on Factory Island in Saco. Mr. Kimball, she writes, made brick in that yard from 1873 or '74 until 1882, under the firm name of N. Kimball & Son. Then they engaged in the brick business on the Alfred road just above the railroad. Mr. Kimball died in 1891, but his son continued to make brick until 1896. They furnished brick for the Pepperell Mfg. Co. during that period, also for Biddeford city building and other brick structures in this city.

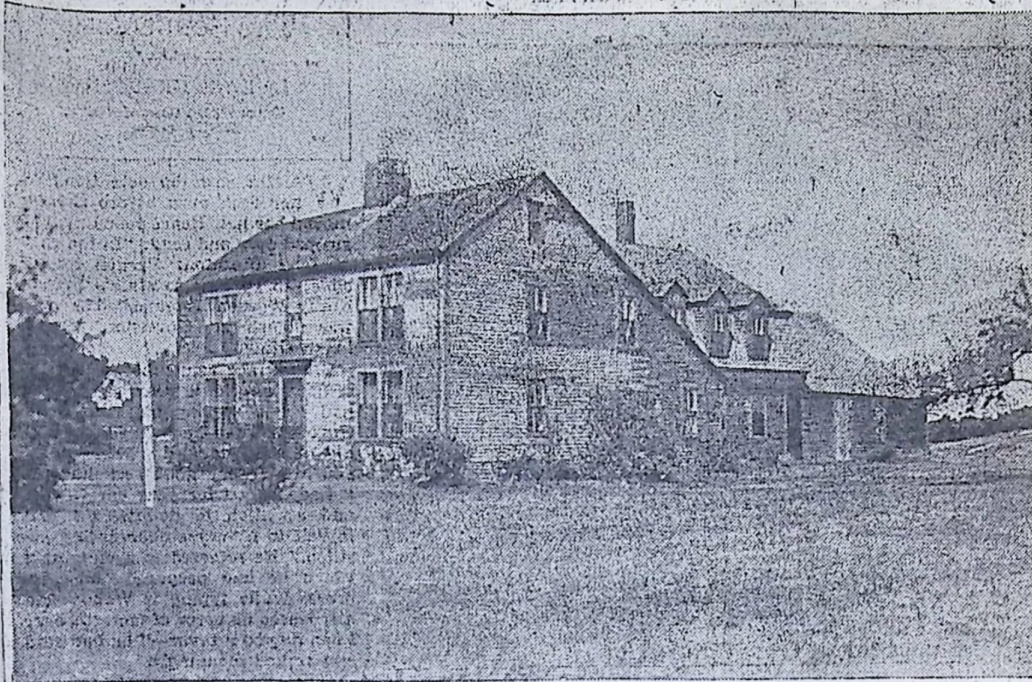
FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 17, 1937.

MAIN STREET PROPERTY SOLD



This business block, 221 and 223 Main street, Biddeford, has been purchased by John Papas. The deal was put through King Woodman, realtor. The building was formerly owned by Biddeford Savings Bank.

HALEY HOUSE ON POOL ROAD



The Haley house on the Pool road is one of the oldest in this city, having been built some time between 1717 and 1720. Members of the Haley family have always owned and occupied the house. It has several interesting features of old-time construction.

—JOURNAL STUDIO PHOTO.

MOUSAM HOUSE TO BE RAZED

One of the old landmarks of Kennebunk, the Mousam House, formerly known as Jefferds Tavern, a three-story building, is to be torn down shortly to provide a site for a modern filling station.

The owner of the Mousam House, Mrs. Nellie M. Tibbetts, has been at a Biddeford hospital for treatment for nearly a year and a half during which time the house has been closed to the public.

Dominicus Lord commenced clearing the woodland for Jefferds Tavern April 19, 1775. About 1783 Mr. Lord built a small house which is now a part of the present hotel. A few years later he sold to Major William J. Jefferds, who opened it as a tavern. In 1814, his son, Capt. John Jefferds took possession. In April, 1861, the name was changed from Jefferds Tavern to the Mousam House.

Jefferds Tavern was a "stage house" midway between the terminals of the Portland and Portsmouth Coach company. The timetables of the "accommodating stages" were so arranged that they met at Jefferds Tavern about noon. Twice each secular day, from east and west, coaches drawn by four horses rolled along the streets of the village, oftentimes followed by one, two and occasionally three extras, all loaded to capacity. The passage was made from Portland to Boston in "two days only."

President Monroe, during his first term, stopped for refreshments at the hotel.



FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 1937.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD PIANIST



PRISCILLA JEAN WALKER.

Five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Walker of Saco, who gave a recital this week to 100 friends in Saco. Although she can hardly reach the pedals, Priscilla is improvising tunes. She astounded an audience at her recital this week by her remarkable ability. And there is music in Priscilla's smile as well as in her fingers.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

AUGUST 5, 1937.

JOHN L. MURRAY DIED SUDDENLY

Was Superintendent of Gas Plant Here for 20 Years

John L. Murray, former superintendent of the gas department of the Cumberland County Power & Light company in this city, and for the past several months in charge of the electrical end of the sales department at the company offices here, died suddenly last night at his home, 18 Summer street, Saco, from a heart trouble. His age was 53 years, two months and 21 days.

His death came as a severe shock to members of his family and friends, as few were aware that his heart condition was such as to cause immediate concern.

Mr. Murray was born in Lowell, Mass., the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Murray, and received his education there.

He came to this city in the summer of 1917 and served as superintendent of the gas department of the company until this year, when he was placed in charge of sales in the electrical department of the company at the Main street display rooms.

Mr. Murray had been active in business, social and fraternal circles since coming to this city and made a host of friends here through his genial disposition and his interest in the organizations with which he has been affiliated.

He was a member of Pilgrim commandery of Lowell, Mass., the Aleppo Shrine of Boston, Maine council, of Saco, and was an attendant of the White church in this city.

He leaves his widow, also his mother, Mrs. John L. Murray of Dorchester, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Lahiff, of Arlington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shemway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

AUGUST 16, 1937.

CHAS. HATCH DIED AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Charles Hatch, 78, of 66 South street, for several years engaged in the fishing business with William Waterhouse at Biddeford Pool, died Sunday in a Portland hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Hatch was born in this city, the son of George Ward and Miriam Wadlin Hatch. He received his education in the local schools and for several years was employed in the Saco-Lowell Shops. Later, he left the employ of the shop and entered partnership with William Waterhouse at Biddeford Pool, the fishing firm being well-known throughout this section.

Mr. Hatch leaves a sister, Miss Emma Hatch, librarian at McArthur library.

Funeral services were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AUGUST 16, 1937.

Joseph A. Locke Died Saturday

Joseph Augustus Locke, cattle and horse dealer on Pool street for many years, died Saturday at a local hospital, following a long illness. He was born in Saco September 29, 1866, the son of John Fairfield and Mary Ellen (Beach) Locke.

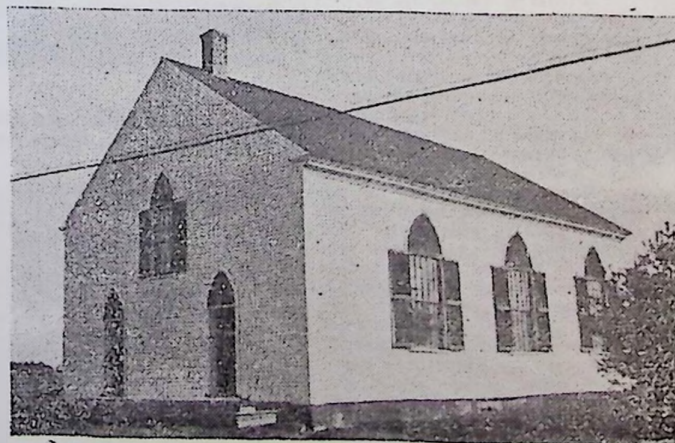
Mr. Locke was located in Phoenix, Ariz., for a time, but for years sold horses and cattle in this city, Saco and vicinity. He was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends throughout York county.

He leaves a widow, who was Mary Louise Gilpatrick; a niece, Ida Stewart Smith of Saco, and two nephews, Edward Fairfield Stewart of South Portland and Rowland A. Stewart of Saco.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 this afternoon at the Sansoucy funeral home and were private. Rev. Malcolm W. Garland of the First Parish church, Saco, officiated. Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 27, 1936.

OLD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



—By Staff Photographer

Until further notice we shall sell best grades of coal

—at—

\$5.50

per ton CASH. All Sizes.

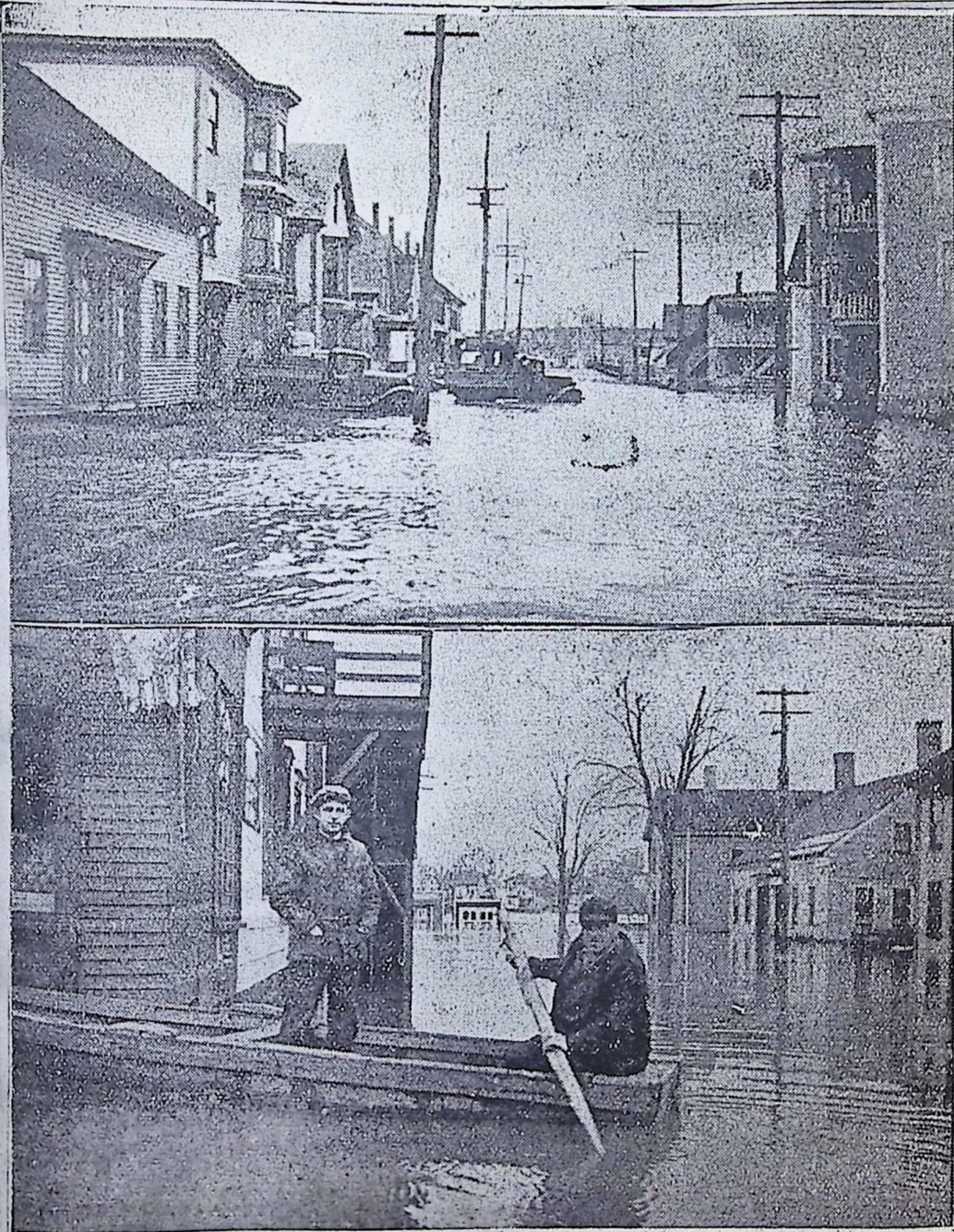
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43 Water Street, Biddeford, - 5 Island Wharf and 24 Pepperell Square, Saco.

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VIEWS, TAKEN IN THE SPRINGS ISLAND FLOODED AREA FRIDAY



Top left—Pine street, looking toward the Somesville bridge, as it was Friday street. Bottom left—Maple street, looking from Elm street toward the river island bridge.

JULY 14, 1934.

C. H. M'KENNEY IN BUSINESS HERE 50 YEARS

More Than 40 Years
Located in Present
Store

Carlos H. McKenney is retiring after nearly 50 years in the hardware business in this city, having



CARLOS H. MCKENNEY.

leased his store at the corner of Maine and Jefferson streets to a chain automobile accessory concern.

Mr. McKenney started in the hardware business established by his father, S. P. McKenney. The latter purchased the business of B. E. Cutter & Son in the old Quimby and Sweetser block and moved it to City building. With his nephew, Carlos Heard, he established the firm of McKenney & Heard.

Carlos H. McKenney was with this firm for several years after the death of his father until Mr. Heard purchased the McKenney interest, the business continuing under the same style.

For more than 35 years Mr. McKenney has been engaged in business at his present location, opening the store on the same day the big strike started in the Pepperell Mills in January of 1898. He has seen many changes in the business houses on Main street.

The block in which his store has been located, known as the Deering block, was purchased by Mr. McKenney several years ago.

Mr. McKenney has large real estate holdings to which he will devote his time.

AUGUST 9, 1937.

GEORGE C. FOGG DIED TODAY

Prominent for Many Years in Lumbering Operations

George Copeland Fogg, retired, prominent for years in the lumber industry in York county, and in fraternal circles, died today at his home, 292 Alfred street, following a several-weeks illness. His age was 69 years, 10 months and five days. He was a life-long resident of this city.

Mr. Fogg was born in this city, the son of James H. and Lydia Haley Fogg. He was educated in this city and when a young man worked with his father in the lumber and wood business, later becoming associated with his father in the firm of J. H. Fogg and Son. He continued in this business after the death of his father, and carried on operations quite extensively through York county in lumbering operations and for years conducted a wood business in connection with the lumbering operations.

He was prominent for years in fraternal orders, being a member of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M., of this city, York chapter, Maine council and Bradford commandery, and was also for years a member of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., the York encampment and Canton J. H. Dearborn of this city. He was a member of the White church.

Mr. Fogg was never active in politics although keenly interested in the welfare of this city and civic matters in York county, serving at times on civic committees and in other ways aiding in such movements.

Keenly interested in outdoor life, Mr. Fogg, since retiring, spent much time in hunting and trapping in the fall and winter months. Although of quiet and retiring disposition, he was well known and had a host of friends throughout York county and in the state.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Fannie H. Fogg, a daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Moore, and two grandchildren, Thomas Fogg Moore and Mary Newcomb Moore, all of this city, and a brother, Charles H. Fogg of St. Michaels, Md.

Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be private. Friends may call between 12 and 1 o'clock.



afternoon. Top right —Showing Pine street from the river side of the Friday. Bottom right —Elm street between the Bradbury and Springs

—By Staff Photographers

MARCH 13, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

A copy of the Daily Evening Times of this city, printed 50 years ago, which was found behind a picture in a home in Westboro, Mass., early in March, reached the Old Settler's desk today. The four-page paper contains more advertisements than news, but the ads are interesting. In a column bearing the caption "Business Cards" these names appear:

C. H. Sawyer, apothecary at the old stand of Dr. J. A. Berry; Charles S. Hamilton, attorney-at-law; F. W. Guptill, lawyer; Fairfield & Emery, lawyers; J. E. Butler, counsel-

lor-at-law; Dr. Harry A. Weymouth, physician and surgeon; Helen E. Selica, teacher of pianoforte; Dr. E. A. Burnham, dentist; M. D. Hall, physician and surgeon; J. M. Deering, coffin and casket manufacturer; Fred C. Bradbury, coroner and undertaker; M. M. Ridlen, dealer in oysters, lobsters and fish; Miss Grace L. Shannon, teacher of violin; D. B. Hill, contractor; Arthur F. Wentworth, auctioneer.

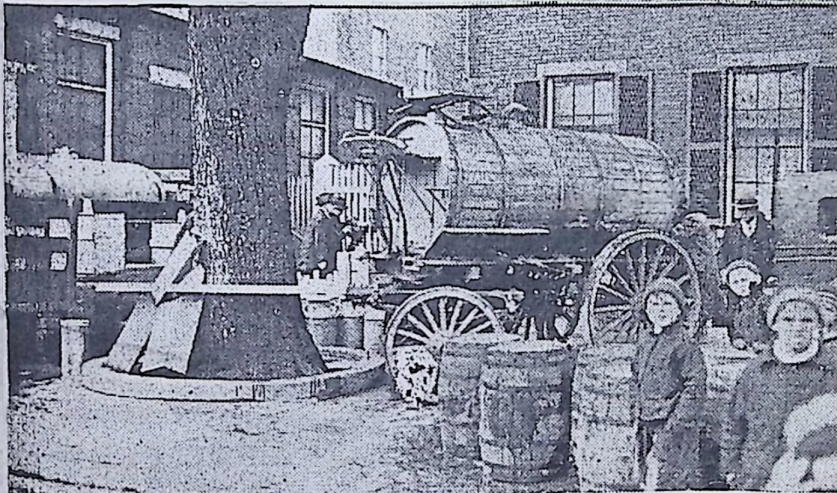
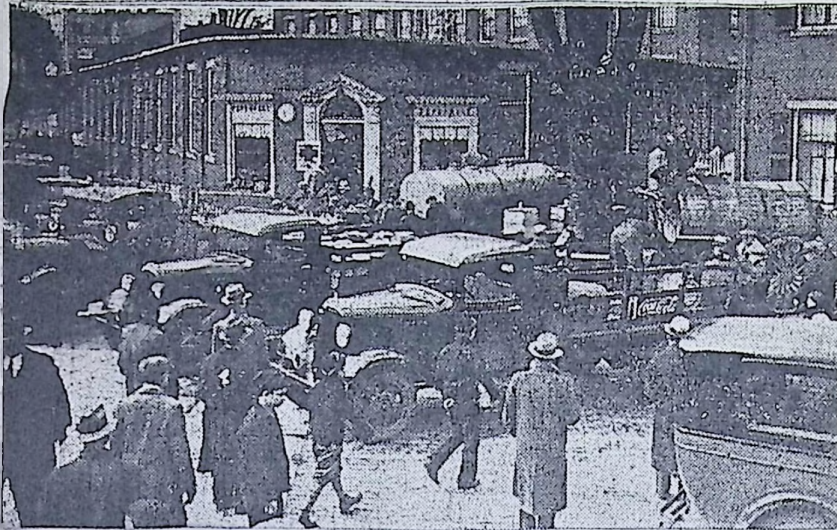
Among the ads are those of E. A. Gowen, piano dealer; Carle & Cusens, contractors; Seth Warren, dealer in hardware and steel; Abbott Cigar Co., P. J. Paraday, proprietor; Dumas & Larcix, dry goods dealers; F. A. Boetby, horse shoeing; J. F. Deering, auctioneer Charles S. Jose,

grocer; J. R. Libby, dry goods; Cheney & Garland, grocers; E. Lane & Co., piano dealer; William Emery, grocer.

There is an ad announcing the coming of Dupre's & Benedict's gigantic minstrels at the City Opera House. "There will be 50 tuneful performers," the ad reads, and everyone is urged to watch for the marvelous street parade, headed by the famous military band of 40 pieces. Scores of adjectives are used in describing the minstrels. The ad concludes with the words: "The largest and most complete organization on earth, and positively the only show in the world with 20 end-men." Reserved seats were sold at Dr. Warren's drug store.

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CITY CLIMBED BACK ON THE WATER WAGON SUNDAY



Top left—Showing the Sanford trucks and sprinkler in front of the Pepperell hall as water was brought into the city and dispensed to all who could dig up containers. Top right—Showing first flat on the river bank next to the Main street bridge. A mark on the photograph gives an idea of the drop in the water Sunday forenoon to noon. Bottom left—Biddeford climbed on the water wagon yesterday as Sanford rolled in an

—By Staff Photographer.

old-time sprinkling cart behind a truck loaded with water. Many of the youngsters had never seen a sprinkler of this type. Despite repeal, the old water wagon was more popular for one day at least than even the government drink supply station on Alfred street. Bottom right—View taken just below corner of Temple and Elm streets, Saco, looking along Elm street toward the bridge.

to the Wentworth street school first primary grade. Many times she was offered higher grades but she preferred the first grade. Her answer was she could do her best

work in the first grade. "I want to give the boys and girls a good foundation." Parents in other sections of the city have often made requests to the school authorities to have their children sent to the Wentworth street school. She numbers among her pupils many notable men and women. Many have called on her the past few years to thank her for the many kindnesses shown them as children.

Miss Foss retired from her active teaching position Sept. 20, 1918, having taught 38 years.

She was a member of the Thursday club.

She held the office of secretary of the McArthur Library association for many years.

She held the office of secretary of Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, for many years. She retired some four years ago, the lodge presenting her with a purse of gold and a beautiful testimonial for the long term she had served. She very rarely missed a meeting of the order.

Miss Foss was a regular attendant of the First Universalist church and Sunday school. She resigned her office as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school two years ago, having been in office many years. She had been an

attendant in the Sunday school for over 60 years. She was proud of the fact that she had retained her first copy of the "Myrtle" a paper published for Universalist Sunday schools.

She was a member of the Daughters of Ruth and took an active part on all important committees. She was also an active member of the Trull Hospital Aid.

Miss Foss leaves one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Etchells, with whom she made her home on Chadwick place, and several cousins, among whom are Carleton Foss of North Saco and Charles E. Foss of Saco.

MAY 10, 1937.

LAURA E. FOSS DIED SUNDAY

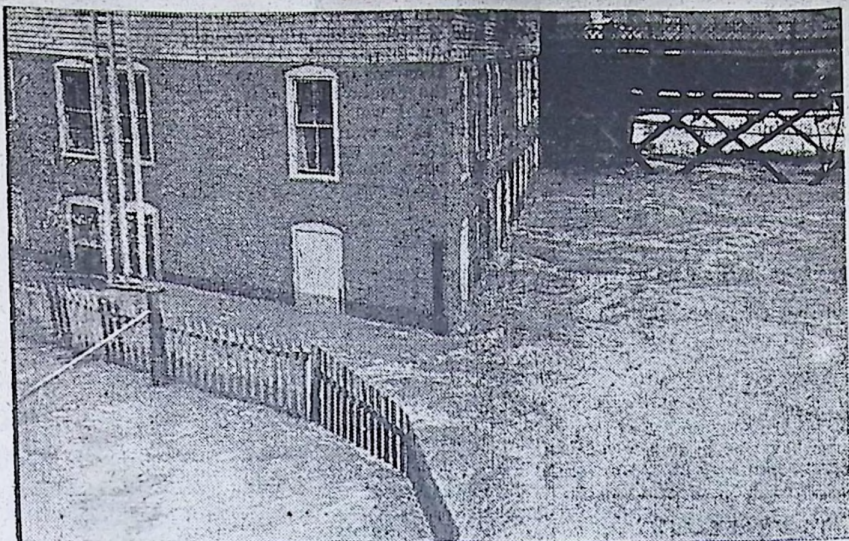
Was Teacher Here for
Many Years in
Public Schools

Miss Laura E. Foss died Sunday morning at a local hospital. While

her passing was a great surprise to many of her friends she had been in poor health for some time.

The funeral will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Laura E. Foss, daughter of the late Ezekiel and Hannah (Clark) Foss, was born in this city Nov. 4, 1860. She received her education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1878 and was awarded a class honor. She was a born educator. Her first appointment was to a district school, which she taught two years being transferred



John W. Cummings, a Former Saco Resident, Dead

Word has been received in Saco of the death of John W. Cummings, 49, of Springfield, Mass., who had a wide acquaintance in Saco where he lived for some years. He died at a hospital in Northampton, Mass., Tuesday night.

The funeral will be held at the home of his brother, Stanley Cummings, in Shelburne, Mass., Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and the burial will be in Great Barrington, Mass.

Mr. Cummings was the son of Rev. John E. Cummings and was born in Henzada, Burma, where his father was a missionary, May 22, 1888. He came to Saco when quite young where he made his home with relatives. He obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Saco and attended Thornton academy. Later he attended Colby academy at New London, N. H.

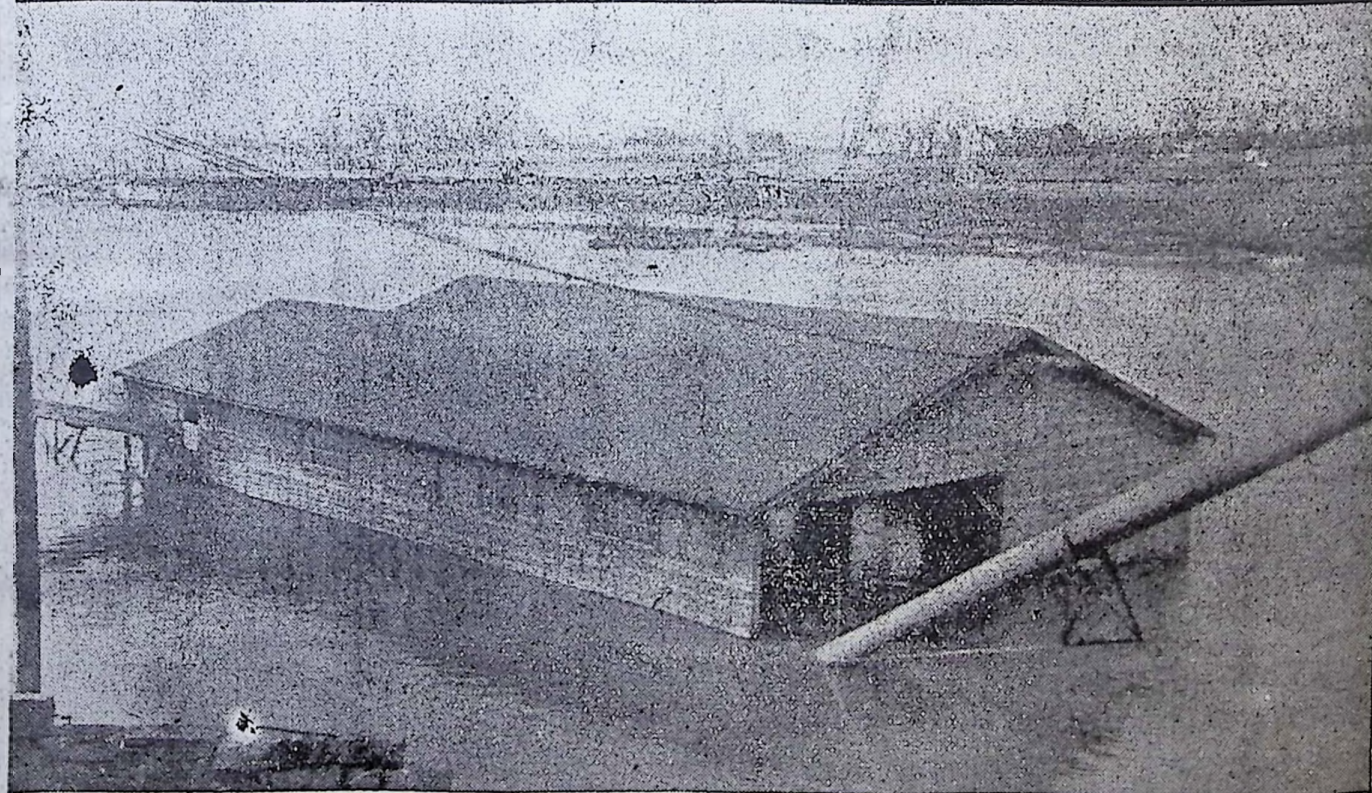
After finishing his education he was employed by the General Electric company in Pittsfield, Mass., and at the time of his death was in the employ of the Westinghouse company in Springfield, where he made his home.

His many Saco friends learned with genuine sorrow of his death.

He leaves his wife and two children, a brother and sister.

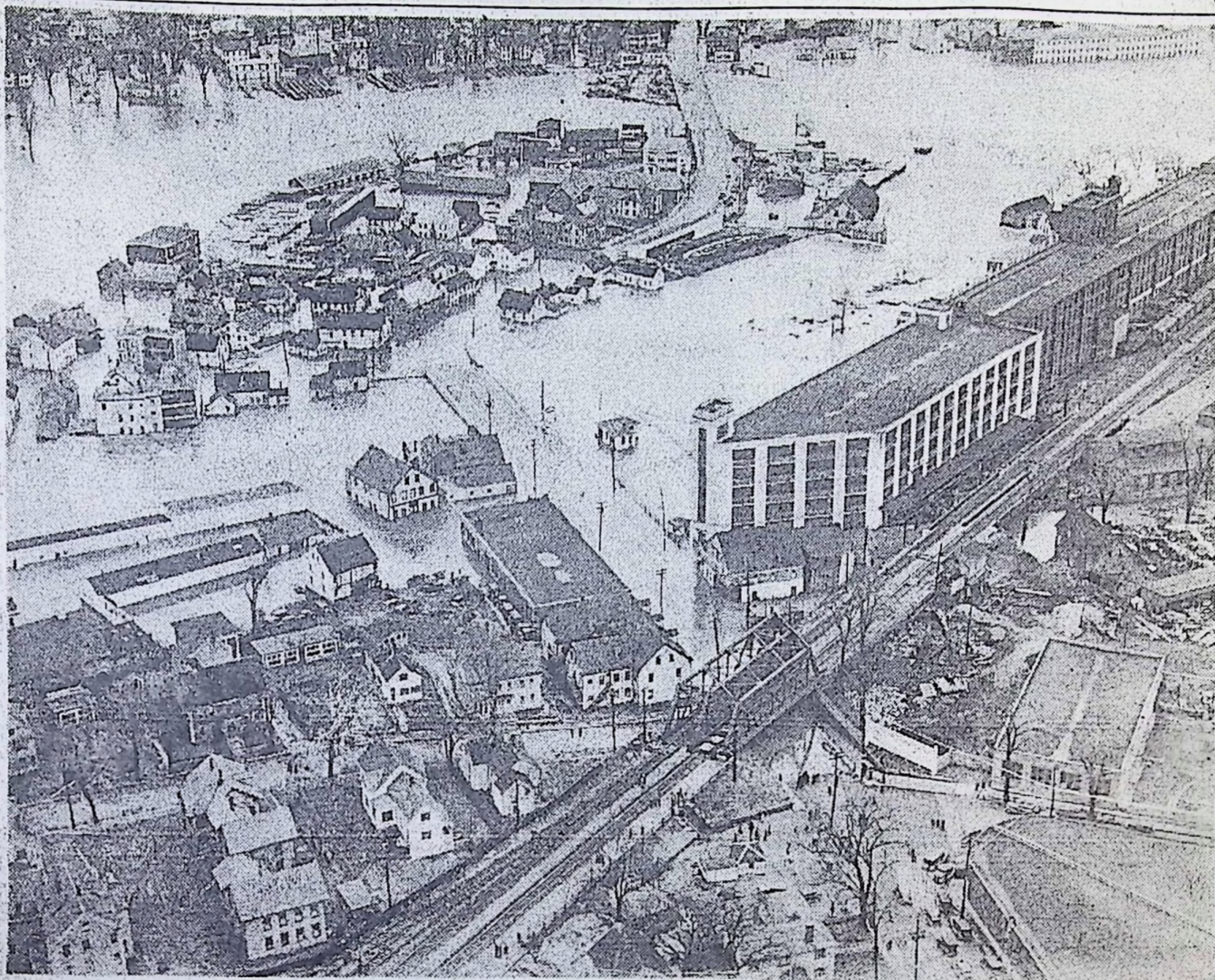


HIGH WATER FRIDAY AFTERNOON NEAR SPRINGS ISLAND



Top—Showing the river side of Irving street Friday afternoon . Bottom—Diamond Match Company building, located in the yard above the main plant. The building is quite a distance from the river bank under normal conditions.

Air View Reveals Damage In Biddeford-Saco Area



Portland Flying Service, Photo Division

Aerial view, showing how the flooded Saco River has made hundreds of Biddeford and Saco families homeless and paralyzed industry in plants along the river.

This picture was taken looking across the river from Biddeford to Saco, with Spring's Island, completely isolated and its homes evacuated, in the middle of the river. At the right center is the large plant of the Saco-Lowell Company, its first floor under water. Elm Street runs diagonally from the lower right corner of the picture and flood waters are shown reaching beyond the Biddeford side of the railroad trestle over the street. Approaches to the Bradbury Bridge, in the center of the photo, are completely under water. The entire artery is closed to traffic, from the railroad trestle, across Spring's Island to the Saco end of the Spring's Island bridge, in the right center background.

JULY 10, 1937.

Mrs. Estella Noyes Died in Saco

Mrs. Estella H. Noyes, well-known resident of Saco for the past 70 years, widow of Orville G. Noyes, died Friday at her home, 77 James street, following a long illness. Her age was 75 years and 26 days.

She was born in Dayton, the daughter of Arthur M. and Mary Benson Hanscom.

Mrs. Noyes was a member of Saco Rebekah lodge for 40 years and was a past noble grand of the lodge. She was a charter member of Annette chapter, Eastern Star, and when health permitted was an attendant of the Saco Unitarian church. In her younger years she was active in these organizations.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Guy H. Titcomb of Saco, two granddaughters, Mrs. Norman McCauley and Miss Ruth E. Titcomb of Saco, and a sister, Mrs. D. H. Bemis of Lakeview, Oregon.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be private. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 28, 1936.

FRED B. COBB DIED FRIDAY

Well - Known Local Contractor Ill Only Short Time

Fred B. Cobb, well-known contractor and builder, a resident of this city for 50 years, who was engaged as contractor on several of the largest buildings in this section, died Friday night at a local hospital, following a brief illness. His age was 71 years, 7 months and 14 days.

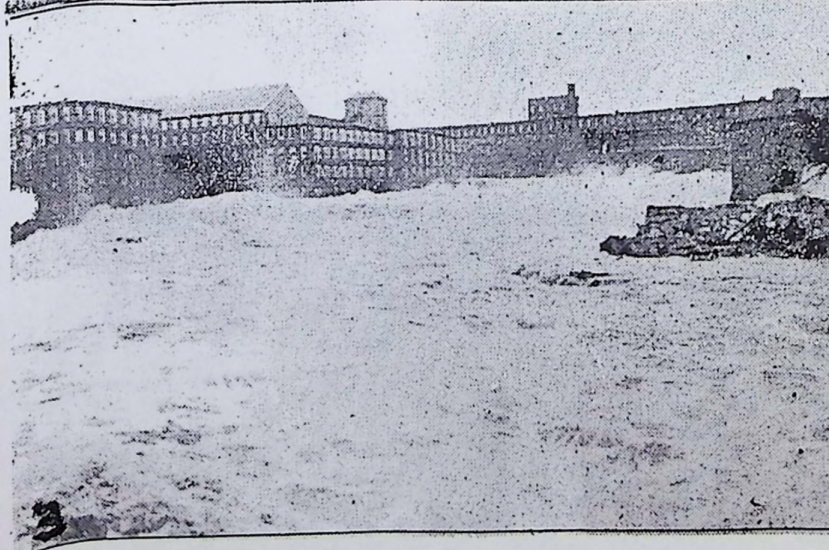
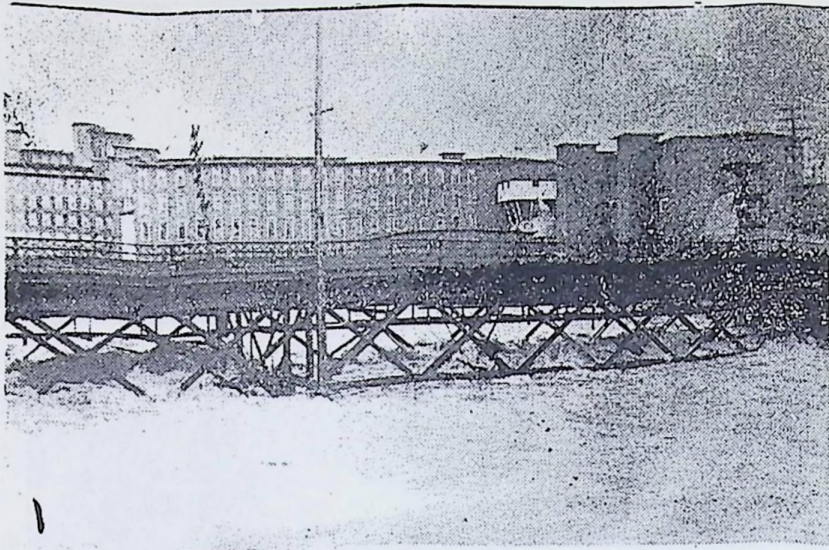
Mr. Cobb was born in Denmark, the son of Solomon and Abbie Bennett Cobb.

For years he was active in the local Brick Masons union and served as president of the body. He was considered one of the leading contractors in this section. A man of quiet disposition, Mr. Cobb was never active in public life in a political way, but he was known and held in high esteem by a host of friends. An expert workman himself at his trade, Mr. Cobb entered the contracting business many years ago and at times employed large crews on various building jobs locally and in this section of the state.

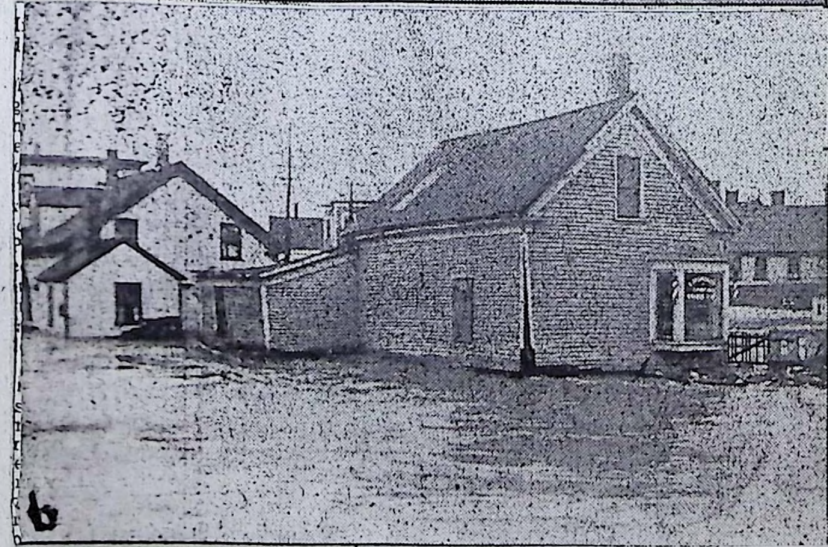
He was active in fraternal orders, being a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. A. M., York chapter, Maine Council and Bradford Commandery. He was a member of the old Main Street Baptist church in Saco.

Mr. Cobb leaves a widow and one son, Paul, of Saco; a grandson and one brother, Justus B. Cobb, of Saco.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, 38 Highland street, and will be strictly private. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

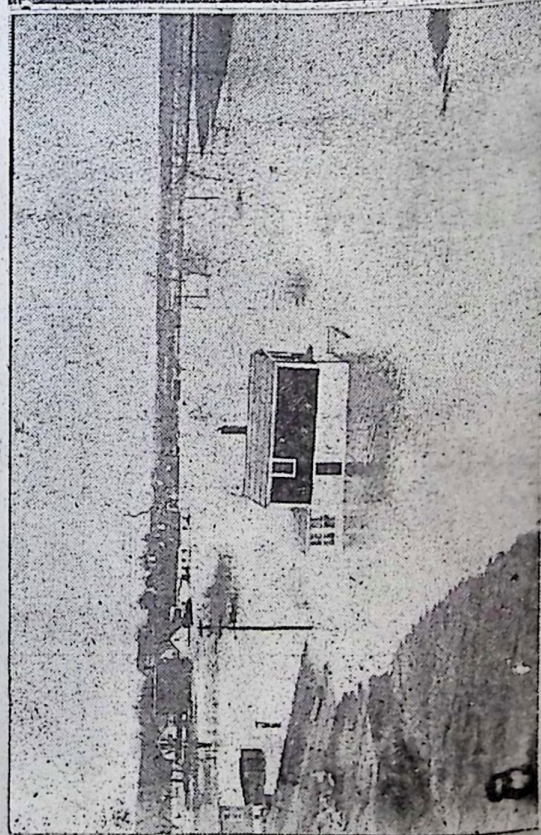
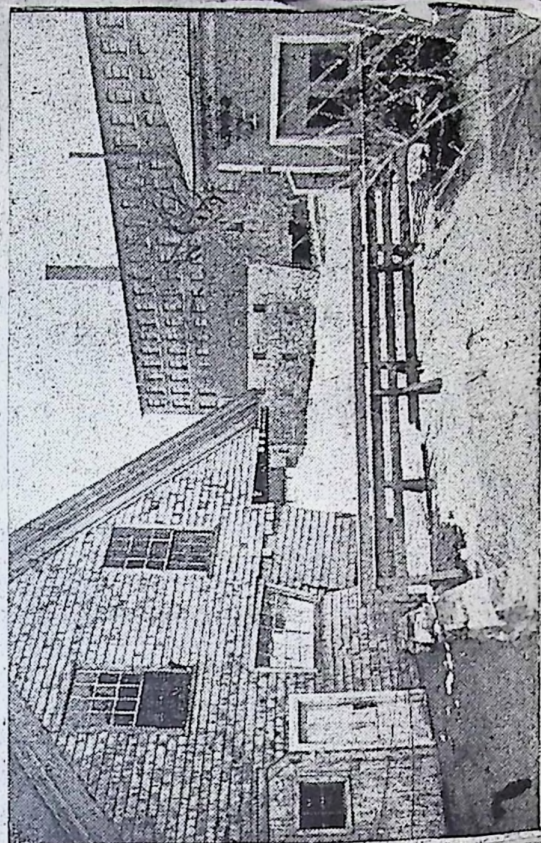


No. 1. Main street bridge about noon Sunday when danger began to abate in this section, and just before the bridge was reopened for travel. Through the night and Sunday morning the water was much higher and rougher. No. 2. The Roosevelt bridge, near the Deering plant, showing the lumber piled up behind the section of the Somesville bridge that was washed out early Sunday morning and started the jam when it brought up against the new bridge. No. 3. Falls behind the Saco-Lowell Sunday, showing the roaring water that was



—By Staff Photographer.

cutting into the lower Pepperell plant. No. 4. A view of The Homestead in this city, looking from South street towards the front of the buildings. No. 5. The Bradbury bridge, looking at the section between this and the new bridge, along Route 1. No. 6. The barber shop just beyond Bradbury bridge, as it appeared just after the peak of the high water. No. 7. View near the gate house just below Bradbury bridge on Elm street. No. 8. Looking towards The Homestead from Dearborn avenue, showing the Silva house under water.



OCTOBER 5, 1937.

Arthur Andrews and Mrs. Katherine Stacey of Saco and Mrs. Hope Littlefield of Kennebunk are on a two weeks' tour of the Canadian provinces.

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FLOOD CRISIS HERE PASSED

Water One Foot Lower on Saco River Here Since This Morning

But One Bridge Over Saco River Between Somesville and West Buxton Left Intact

A change in the weather Sunday afternoon which brought a near freezing temperature proved to be of great aid in checking the rampaging waters of the Saco river. Today the first relief from the flood was in sight when the flow of water on the Saco between this city and West Buxton dropped a foot before noon and rivermen were hopeful that the river would steadily recede from now on and that the conditions would show a decided improvement rapidly. That the crisis has passed appeared to be the unanimous opinion of those familiar with conditions along the river.

Traffic restrictions that have closed the Main street bridge at different times in the past two days were lifted Sunday afternoon. All traffic was moving over this and the Cataract bridge this noon.

The bridge conditions up river are much more serious than in the two cities. Bridges swept away or badly damaged are as follows: New County road bridge in Dayton, Union, Bar Mills, West Buxton, Bonny Eagle, Steep Falls and East Limington. The Salmon Falls bridge is intact.

Telephone Lines Out.

The telephone company experienced the greatest difficulty Saturday. Calls began to increase Thursday and reached the peak Saturday, when 50,000 local calls were handled, compared with a daily average of 16,000 and 17,000 calls. There were 1,350 toll calls Saturday compared with a daily average of 400.

Every position on the switchboard was fully manned the entire day Saturday, it being necessary to call in several former operators who gladly volunteered their services.

The length of the local calls caused the greatest difficulty, but this was alleviated to some extent after noontime. There were no delays on toll calls going east on account of trouble, yet it was necessary to wait a considerable length of time due to facilities being taxed to the limit.

There is only one point in the state of Maine not accessible at the present time and that is Andover.

Serious trouble was experienced with the lines for the first time Sunday morning when the local cables to Saco gave way after having stood much battering under Cataract bridge.

The toll cable connecting the state of Maine with the rest of the country was salvaged in time to prevent the same thing occurring.

At the present time there are only two telephones working in the city of Saco, except a few on the upper end of the Boom road, Maple street and Hill street. The two telephones are the police station and the fire station.

There are approximately 1,900 telephones out of service at the present time.

Linesmen are working steadily to replace the break and it is anticipated, barring further difficulties, that practically full service will be restored to subscribers in Saco by noontime Tuesday.

To Turn on Gas in Saco.

The Cumberland County Power and Light company have six men shutting off the gas meters on the service in Saco. The company expects to turn on the gas Wednesday. Saco consumers will be notified and the servicemen will turn on the meters.

Water Company.

The Biddeford and Saco Water company officials said today that the water was down nearly a foot around the pumping station. They are unable to say when the plant can be put into operation. Company officials stated that the water for Saco is going through the mains on Elm street, and wish to

correct reports current for the past two days that Saco was getting water from the Scarborough mains.

Health officers remind everyone that the water must be boiled at least 20 minutes before it is fit to drink. Notice will be given when the water company is in a position to again send drinking water through the mains.

Dr. F. H. Mitchell, mayor, was in conference with Governor Louis J. Brann here Sunday afternoon and has been assured that anything asked for will be sent into the city. For the present only the emergency phases of the situation are being dealt with. As soon as the emergency is over steps will be taken immediately on the recovery steps.

There will be a heavy property loss. Several of the houses on the Pine street section, and through the Springs island section may be ruined. Water flooded quite high in the houses, some of them sagged, and it was thought that the plastering had been cracked throughout some of the buildings. A big six-tenement flat appeared to be quite badly damaged. The Diamond Match Co. and the Deering company will have quite a heavy loss, it was said Sunday, as will the corporations with plants below the Springs Island section. Much coal has been lost in sheds along the wharves. Houses on Irving street and Market street sections have been badly damaged.

Several state and federal officials were here with Mayor Mitchell yesterday working on various phases of the situation. Offers of aid of all kinds were pouring into the city, but the mayor found that many of the offers would not have to be accepted.

The mayor was unable to find Sunday that there was a person suffering because of the flood conditions, other than being forced from their homes and sustaining property damage. As late as Sunday WPA trucks were moving some of the residents in Horigan's court, and dragging out automobiles that had been left in the flooded area.

Although many were saying that the mayor and other city officials were getting jittery last Friday when residents of Springs Island were ordered to leave their homes, the sight of the water pouring over the island Saturday and Sunday showed that the officials were two days ahead of the peak water and have given sufficient warning. That some of the residents would not heed the warn-

ing until late Friday was no fault of the officials. The move to have the island vacated last Friday was thought advisable so that no lives would be lost. It may have appeared a little far-stretched for the first 24 hours, but from then on the residents felt glad they had complied with the orders.

The mayor took a few minutes out Saturday for his own use, the city officials and office workers surprising him in honor of his birth anniversary, presenting him with several gifts. After the presentation, which was made while the mayor was still dragging around his rubber boots, he returned to supervising work of the flood emergency, spending his birthday partly immersed in water.

American Legion men were still assisting the police over the weekend. Many of the police officers have been on almost constant duty since the emergency started, most of them from the chief down getting their sleep in an hour one one-half snatches since Friday, so that the work taken over by the Legionnaires proved of great assistance.

Many of the automobile drivers tried to argue their way through the flood zones on slight excuses, refusing to take orders from other than police officers, but few of them got far. A taxi driver went to Saco with a Red Cross tag on his car, but his car stayed across the bridge through the night and most of Sunday.

Cecil F. Clark went to West Buxton to take charge of the work of stopping the flow of water in the dyke. He was of the opinion that the leak could be "plugged." Considerable damage was done in the business part of West Buxton by the water from the dyke.

Feeding Refugees.

The emergency Red Cross headquarters at Pepperell hall, where refugees are being fed, was a busy place Sunday. The Red Cross workers were assisted by school teachers, Boy Scouts and others. The food supply is plentiful at the present time, several truck loads being brought in Sunday. Arrangements have been made for all the supplies that are needed, so that no suffering is anticipated here for any of the flood refugees. Today the workers were reporting for duty in shifts.

Philip Bridger of the Hotel Thacher is in charge of the cooking of the meals and under his expert supervision the work is progressing smoothly. Peter Pombrian and Hugh Caldwell are assisting as cooks tonight.

Saco-Lowell Damage.

Saco-Lowell officials made a rough estimate of their plant damage today at between \$10,000 and \$20,000. A shop official thought it would be at least a week before the plant could be reopened. The water was down four inches in the plant this forenoon. The office and the drafting room employees were working today.

Sides of the bridge between the Saco and the Biddeford plants of the company washed out yesterday and water was going through the bridge for a time. Late in the afternoon the water that had been hitting through the end of the Saco-Lowell plant appeared to be thrown off somewhat in force, so that the old dye house building of the Pepperell was getting the greater force of the water rather than the Saco-Lowell buildings on the river bank. Water had worked

up as far as the foundry of the Saco-Lowell plant.

Feeding 187 Here.

Henry Boisvert, clerk of the overseers of the poor, told the Journal today that 187 refugees were being fed here. Twenty of the inmates of the Homestead were taken to Alfred jail, he said, where they were well cared for. He said today that the emergency feeding and housing of refugees would have to continue for at least eight or ten days.

The Red Cross announced yesterday that for the present time they had all the clothing and such articles as are needed.

A supply of water from outside the city began to come in Saturday. Several offers were received from those having springs and wells.

The town of Sanford came through in the emergency in a way to bring commendation from the local officials. Old-fashioned street sprinklers, which have not been seen by many of the younger residents, were brought over the road behind trucks, bringing in many gallons. The Sanford Mills kept trucks moving all day with water. Water dispensing agencies were set up in front of the Pepperell Mills and at the Franklin street garage. There was a regular parade of persons with gallon jugs, jars and other receptacles. Many took water from springs in various sections about the city.

Kennebunk Water.

Superintendent L. G. Smith of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water district, conferred with Red Cross officials here today. He said that anyone from this city is welcome to all the water they want from their supply. He said today that he is endeavoring to find means of bringing in water. He has plenty of trucks but no means of conveying the water, such as tanks for the trucks, but was trying to work out some means today. Mr. Smith said that tests are being made constantly of this water and shows it to be in satisfactory condition. He conferred with the state health department yesterday regarding the supply, and was advised of other tests to be made. Mr. Smith said that although the company has mains at the Pool, it is impossible to hook into the Biddeford and Saco mains to supply the two cities, as the water could not be pumped against the water in the mains here, which is being pumped from the river.

Mr. Smith is of the opinion that it is dangerous to drink spring water as most springs are polluted under present conditions, and even in the case of water from their own mains, it will do no harm to boil it before it is used for drinking purposes.

Road Conditions Bad.

A Journal car was worked through the River road in this city Sunday, along the Goodwins Mills road, and the Hollis River road, above Bradbury and part way to West Buxton. Conditions of these roads are such that only emergency traffic should be allowed over them. The River road in this city and the Goodwins Mills road should be closed to all but light traffic. Those using these roads merely for sightseeing will probably regret that they tried to get over.

The upper Goodwins Mills road and the River road can be reached

only through the Jackson school road and back towards this city.

On the Goodwins Mills road the new bridge constructed by Biddeford last year over Swan pond brook is under several feet of water, a boat being used to transport people and supplies over a body of water several hundred yards wide.

The home of Wilbur Emmons on the River road is under water to within a short distance of the eaves. Cattle were taken out of the barn to the Rumery place on this side of the wide pond of water. An attempt was made to get them into a raft, but the cattle refused to be transported in this way and swam across, with a man leading them. Sunday the water was nearly 10 feet deep in front of the house, and but slightly lower around the big barn, a short distance away. This body of water, all of which is backed in from the river, is a considerable distance away under normal conditions and blocks the highway at this point.

Most of the roads through Bradbury have been closed to traffic, crews were working on either the roads or bridges in all but one direction, that towards Goodwins Mills.

The Hollis River road to West Buxton, above the railroad, was closed by what appeared to be a lake nearly a mile wide. At the stand of buildings owned and occupied by Mrs. Annie Woodman, a short distance above Bradbury, the water was nearly to the roof of the house. Lines were broken on the high tension tower lines, a short distance below this stand of buildings. It appeared as though it would be several days before this section is clear for travel. This is on the best road through that section. Water had backed in over a wide area above and below this stand of buildings. A short distance below the water covers the road, but traffic is allowed through.

At Clark's Mill the road near the office of L. L. Clark is torn out in one place, but the big cut of logs is safely anchored and the damage there does not appear to be very heavy.

Saturday afternoon it was announced by good authority that the dyke above the West Buxton dam had broken and would release a great quantity of water. A checkup disclosed that the dyke had not broken, but had been weakened on one end and was in danger of going out. Water raced through the streets of West Buxton, reaching the eaves of some of the houses along the stretch leading down the River road towards Bar Mills. Water had increased six inches from the forenoon on this stretch and went higher during the night. Scores of men with trucks were mobilized from all parts of that territory.

The large crew worked frantically to close the break on the Buxton side of the stream above the dam. Sunday afternoon they appeared to have the battle won. Stone was hauled in from Elmwood, Standish, four miles away. This was split stone and appeared to be working much more satisfactorily than the stones used the day before, these having slipped away under the pressure of the water. Owing to the wretched condition of the roads leading to West Buxton, it was necessary to take a 16-mile detour to reach the dyke. Traffic was shut off at Gorham leading toward West Buxton when thousands of curious folk

attempted to get into the village to see what had taken place, interfering with the work of the men trying to save the dyke and the movement of trucks. Travelers were ordered to keep away from Bar Mills.

A big tree crashed through the roof of the home of Silas Elgee and damaged it badly. Water was nearly three deep on the floor of the Casco bank and Trust company building, but the money and all valuable papers had been removed. Pliny Crockett, cashier of the bank, was marooned on the Hollis side of the river when the bridge went out there, but he ordered the locks on the safe cut, and the money removed.

It was impossible to keep a boat afloat in the center of the village Sunday afternoon but ferries were used beyond the center of the town.

A crew of men was working Sunday trying to save the bridge at Salmon Falls. A three-foot rise in the river at Fryeburg Sunday added to fears for safety.

Relief Work.

Garments of every description for men, women and children, in sufficient quantities to clothe a small army, enough pure water in bottles from Sebago lake to quench the thirst of a multitude, and quantities of canned goods were rushed to Saco over Saturday and Sunday for distribution to the flood victims. The water was left at City hall, where it was distributed. There were hundreds of callers at the building during the day after a supply of water and men and women could be seen in every part of the city carrying bottles. The clothing, or considerable of it, was left at one of the churches, where it will be distributed by different agencies, including the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other organizations engaged in relief work.

More than 20 truckloads of pure Sebago water, clothing and food were taken to Biddeford-Saco Saturday afternoon and evening by Portland and Westbrook Legionnaires. Forty members of the Stewart P. Morrill post of South Portland were on guard duty at Saco Saturday afternoon and night, being relieved at 5 a. m. today by a detachment from Ralph D. Caldwell post of Portland.

To list all the persons and firms who contributed to the flood victims' comfort through the Legion would be to enumerate scores if not hundreds.

The Cudahy Packing company, through its manager, Michael J. Curran, gave \$800 worth of meat and dairy products. Practically every bakery in Portland contributed to the four truckloads of bakery products which the Andrews post transported to Biddeford-Saco. At 1 p. m. Sunday the post carried \$300 worth of groceries, donated by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, to the York county cities.

Cooperating with the Legionnaires, Fred J. Reny, superintendent of the Portland water district, stationed a man at the last hydrant at Dunstan to assist in filling the trucks. At Saco, the precious loads were distributed among residents from the headquarters of the Richard C. Owen post.

Saco Schools.

The superintending school committee asked the superintendent Harry C. Hull, to close the schools Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It was anticipated

that the critical flood conditions had been passed. The basement conditions at Moody school are improving and it is thought that this building will be ready for occupancy by Thursday.

WCSH will be asked to announce the resumption of schools when conditions indicate an approach to normal conditions.

The school population has been greatly shifted and it is not yet known whether the refugee pupils can be assembled for the various places of domicile for schools.

It is expected that telephone service, when it is resumed, will aid in reestablishing normal school conditions.

The superintending school committee wish to express to the public their great appreciation for the consideration given in this emergency.

Sunday afternoon there was a drop in the water of two inches up river, this side of West Buxton, and a greater drop through the night. A crew believed they would be able to save the transformers at Union Falls. Water was within a few inches of them, but was dropping slightly and without any new rise in the river these will be safe.

Dynamite was used on an ice jam and swerved a large amount of water into Fryeburg Harbor and Lovewell's pond. Many families there are out of their homes. Water worked into several homes near Kezar Lake.

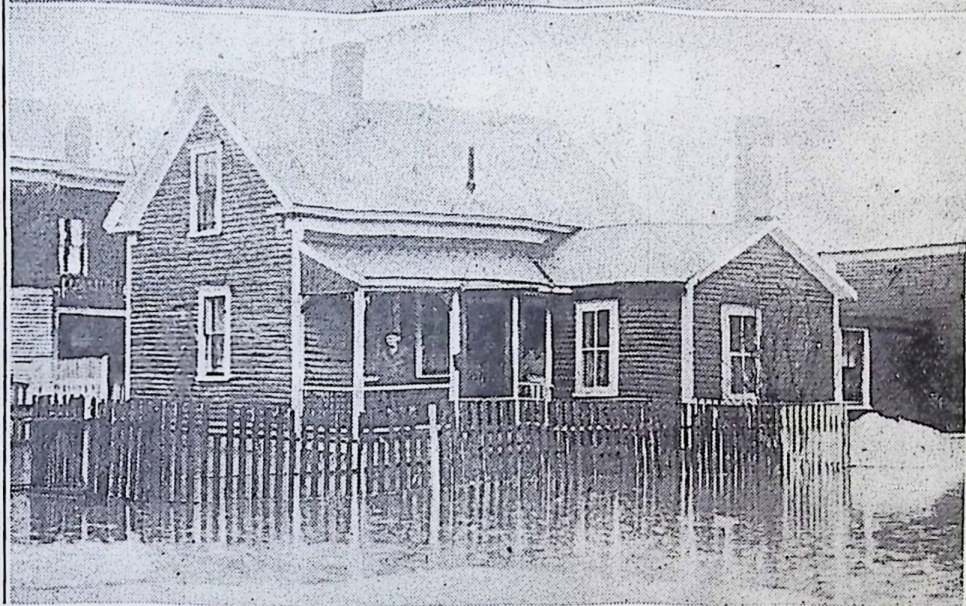
Traffic was resumed on the Boston and Maine at Conway, N. H., when there was a stop in the water there. Some of the basements there were flooded. Men stood shoulder to shoulder in 10 inches of water above the dam at the lower end of Lake Thompson at Oxford Sunday. Water had torn up the floor of the woolen mill at West Buxton and was running through the mill.

Saturday night was the most exciting of the flood period here with the water reaching the highest point late Saturday night and early Sunday morning. Traffic was jammed along Main street when the condition of the Main street bridge was such that not even foot passengers were allowed to cross. All sorts of arguments resulted, but the state and federal bridge engineers issued orders that the bridge be absolutely closed to

traffic. They maintained this order until late Sunday afternoon when a stagger plan of traffic was started, 10 automobiles or light trucks being allowed over the bridge. Later heavier trucks carrying emergency supplies were allowed over the bridge, and still later all traffic was being allowed through, but because of the condition of the Cataract bridge it again became necessary to cut down the loads of the heavier trucks.

House Goes Out.

The old Lucas house on Whites wharf crashed at 9.20 Saturday night on the high tide. A shout was sent up by the hundreds lining the river bank as the river side of the house tipped, the building ripping away from the rest of the foundation and sliding into the water as gracefully as any ship that was ever sent off greased ways in the old shipyard. The shout of "There it goes!" which was almost a scream, was clipped short as the suddenness with which the raging flood waters sucked the building down stream. It appeared as though the building was out of sight within five sec-



Saco homes get a taste of flood waters as the Saco River rises relentlessly. At the top is a view of the swollen river looking down stream from Somerville Bridge, Saco. At the bottom is the Maple Street home of Dolphus LeDoux, surrounded by water.



onds after it ripped from the foundation. Residents below said that when the building crashed against the breakwater below the power house the windows were shattered. A report was heard that the building worked around the breakwater and was seen going out to sea Saturday night.

The Somesville bridge on Market street in Saco, which had been in a precarious condition since the beginning of the freshet, succumbed to the rushing waters Sunday morning about 3.45 and started down stream and came to rest against the Springs island bridge. While officers on duty expected the Elm street bridge would collapse, as far as appearance indicated the cement structure was little, if any, damaged.

Owing to the flood waters it has been impossible to make any inspection of the Elm street bridge, built a couple of years ago.

In addition to the wrecked bridge more than 150,000 feet of lumber, swept from lumber yards on the banks of the river in this city, is piled up against the bridge. There is also debris of every description.

On account of such a mass of wreckage at the bridge, the course of the water coming down river was diverted to a considerable extent and flowed into the lower end of Lincoln street, where the current was as rapid as in the middle of the river. The water was five feet deep in places, and tore down the highway into Elm street like a race horse.

Those who climbed fences, tramped through mud ankle deep, and footed it over logs piled in a yard on Lincoln street, were rewarded with a spectacular view of Springs Island bridge and the flood water of the river in that vicinity, that could not be obtained anywhere else in the city. They admitted that it was worth the effort to make the treacherous journey through back yards from Green street to Lincoln street and hundreds did so Sunday and today.

The water in some of the houses on Lincoln street near the foot of Spring street was above the window sills.

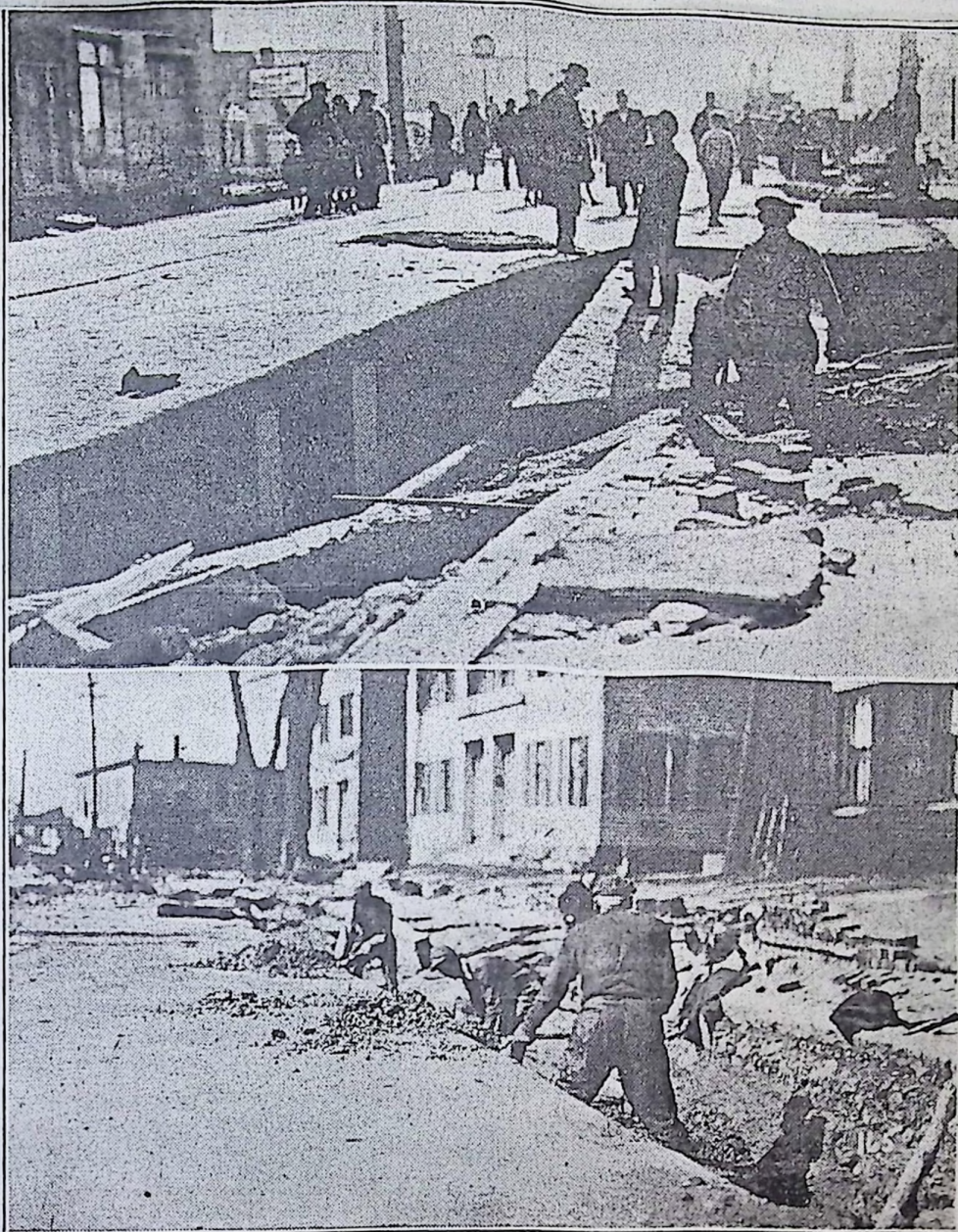
The report that the Cousens Radiator and Glass shop at the corner of Main and Water streets had been carried away was without foundation, although the plant was menaced all through the day. The gas pumps were badly bent.

Many wondered if the old brick house at the corner of Water and Elm streets, opposite the radiator shop would withstand the batter-

ing of the flood waters, as it was reported that the foundation was none too substantial. There was no indication, however, of the building weakening. The water was five feet deep in some places on Lincoln street, said the police.

Elm street was inundated to the service station at the corner of Scammon and Elm streets. All the stores in that section of the city are flooded. After the water recedes it will probably be a day or two before they will be able to resume business.

Saturday evening water surrounded the building of the York National bank and the wooden building next above and at 7 o'clock considerable water had flowed onto Main street. Fearing that



Two views of washouts on Elm Street, Saco.

The upper photograph shows the extensive washout at the intersection of Water Street. The concrete pavement, which has sagged several inches, is supported by beams.

Workmen are attacking a washed out gutter in the lower photograph. The water also carried away part of the foundation of the highway.

it might enter the bank the carpets, on the first floor were removed and the furniture placed where it could not be damaged if water invaded the banking quarters. The water, however, did not reach the floor of the bank.

The damage done to the streets of Saco will be greater than to the streets of this city, say those who have made a hasty survey of conditions. Mayor Ralph L. Scammon is not able to give any estimate today of the damage done. It will be necessary to build a new bridge on Market street. The damage to the streets in the flooded area cannot be told until the water subsides.

It is also reported that much damage has been done to the roads on the outskirts and Mayor Scam-

mon and the road commissioners in the different districts will make an inspection of all the roads later in the week.

At The Homestead the river rose steadily through Saturday afternoon and night, showing the first drop Sunday afternoon. It had receded several inches late Sunday night on South street.

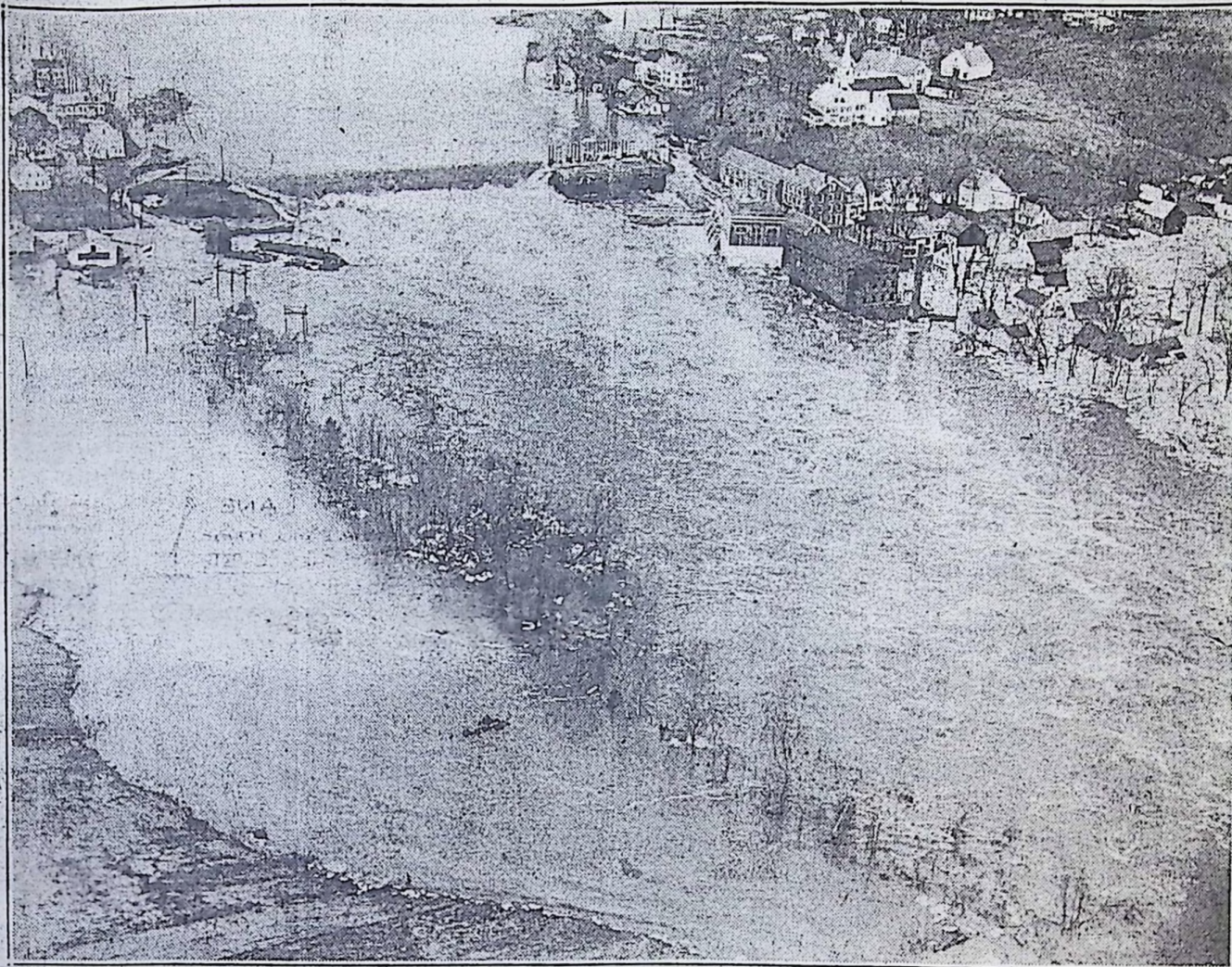
Saturday, just before noon, it became necessary to take the inmates from the buildings in boats. Those hard to care for were taken to the jail at Alfred, where conditions were much better for handling of these cases and the food and water supply much better than could be offered by relief agencies. Others who were able to get

around were taken to the armory in St. Johns building, and will be fed with the refugees at Pepperell hall until conditions are such that they can return.

A task was presented in removing the cattle from The Homestead stables to the Labbe farm across the street. A bull, a heifer and a mare were left in the stable Saturday night and on Sunday all but the mare had been removed. Alcide Boissonneault, who is employed at The Homestead, was kicked by a horse trying to get it out of the stable. He was taken to the Trull hospital. Although it was feared that his hip had been fractured he was able to return home yesterday.

Huge stacks of cordwood piled in the yard of The Homestead floated around, but much of it was

When The Saco River Is Unloosed On West Buxton



Portland Flying Service, Photo Division

Air view of West Buxton Village flooded by the waters of the Saco River. On the right or Buxton bank, just above the dam and behind the powerhouse, is the break which work men were seeking to fill with rocks Sunday night. Water from the break was flowing through the village and down the River Road to Bar Mills, which runs parallel with the river at the right center. Houses there are flooded to the eaves. There is a similar break on the left, or Hollis, side of the river. One span of the bridge, which went out last week, is visible just below the powerhouse on the Buxton side.

held up by bushes and undergrowth, and some of it may be saved.

At the Bilodeau house on South street furniture was moved to the second floor and living quarters established there.

The Silva house farther down towards Main street was well under water Sunday. Water was more than seven feet deep along South street and much deeper on the Main street side, with the miniature lake extending still from the Cascade brook bridge to the intersection of South and Main streets. The automobile of Mrs. Dow, abandoned Friday, was nearly under water Sunday. Sunday night the water was 14 inches lower on South street than it had been since the high water of Saturday night.

Fear for Bridge.

Fear for the Roosevelt bridge near the Deering plant was felt all day Sunday, as the section of the

Somesville bridge on the Saco side that was washed down street, lodged against the new bridge and there was a pileup of logs and lumber several feet high. As the mass pounded against the bridge Sunday it appeared as though the bridge could not stand the pressure. The Bradbury bridge was out of the water, but a current was running down River street and at Pine street through which only an experienced man could take a boat. A Journal photographer, with one of the best boatmen on the river, was buffeted about crossing the island and twice came near being swept out of the boat.

The jamming of logs and the bridge section behind the Roosevelt bridge caused most of the damage in Saco, Sunday morning, as water rose steadily in streets as far along Elm street as Thornton avenue. Joseph Deering and a crew of men stretched a temporary hook on Scamman street and

held the lumber covering four or five acres being washed down river Sunday.

The board of health ordered occupants of houses on Green street, Saco, to leave their homes, and persons were ordered out of the Sweetsir block near Cataract bridge.

The York Mfg. company is not operating today on account of the flood condition. The Garland Manufacturing company is still closed down and will be until the water recedes.

Traffic on the Boston & Maine railroad, Western division, between Portland and North Berwick was transferred to the Eastern division on account of Cataract bridge in Saco. All trains will be routed via the Eastern division until further notice.

Governor Here.

Gov. Louis J. Brann and other

state officials who are on their way to Washington to seek federal funds to be used for the restoration of bridges and highways in Maine, expressed his belief to the Journal that the flood throughout 11 sections of the state had reached its peak.

He went to the city clerk's office, where he held a brief conference with officials as to conditions in the city. He expressed his appreciation of the noble work being done by the various organization in providing relief for the flood sufferers. After a short tarry in Saco, the party in the governor's car proceeded toward Biddeford. Quite a number of citizens gathered in and around City building, following the governor's arrival and he held an informal reception.

Water High at Wharf.

The big oil tanks of the Standard Oil company on the Saco wharves were taking a pounding

WRECKAGE OF THE GOOCH STREET BRIDGE



View showing the remains of the Gooch street bridge. Two spans of the bridge went out before the strain of the floating ice, one jamming against a railroad bridge below Gooch street. This bridge had not been in use for years, being closed when the street was closed to traffic.

—By Staff Photographer.

continuously for the past three days. The buildings at the plant were well under water Sunday. Members of the Saco Yacht club, above the oil company plant, lost their boats, which were believed to have been pulled far enough out of the water. A boy, whose name was not learned, fell into the river while fishing out lumber Sunday, but was pulled out by men nearby.

Some Saco residents, not anticipating that the water would reach anywhere near the Thornton avenue section, lost their furniture, as water worked into the first floors of these houses.

At the Garland plant the water was well up on the floor of the business office, which is all of 10 feet above the usual river level. One of the officials worked through from Main street, Saco, in a boat Friday afternoon and removed the papers from the safe to a higher level. He had difficulty in getting the boat back through the water. Cellars along Main street for quite a distance above Pepperell square were flooded.

Men from outside the city, firemen and legionnaires, who had been on duty, needed stockings and some other articles of clothing yesterday for changes, and several of the prominent Saco families furnished a supply. The exclusive Country club was thrown

open for refugees yesterday. Many who were driven out of their homes were taken by friends in other sections of the city, so that hundreds out of homes were not accounted for by relief agencies.

Saco Refugees.

Meals and shelter are being furnished the refugees at the barracks and the headquarters of the Salvation Army in Saco. More than 500 men, women and children were furnished with meals on Sunday in the barracks.

A large number of people were fed and sheltered at the Legion Home on Beach street in Saco over the week-end. Forty children and several families are being cared for at Old Orchard Beach.

Many have been taken into private homes. All have been made comfortable and will remain in the temporary homes until they are able to return to their own home, from which they were driven by the flood waters.

Mayor Ralph L. Scamman of Saco estimated that from 1,200 to 1,500 people were forced to leave their home last week. The number of houses surrounded by water is estimated at around 200 in Saco.

SHACKS UNDER WATER.

Two small shacks on South street near the Homestead were washed 40 feet and were nearly under water. These shacks were

occupied at times, one of them being that where the police seized a quantity of stolen goods.

Woman Injured.

Miss Alice Collette fell Saturday night near the State of Maine inn and was taken to the Webber hospital in an ambulance. It was believed that her leg was broken, but examination disclosed only a severe sprain.

Offers Water.

In addition to the offer of Mr. Roberge on the Alfred road, made last Saturday, to give anyone all the spring water they wanted, several other offers were received today. Anyone can have water free at the Martel Trucking Co., 30 Westland avenue, this city.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are furnishing meals for the American Legion boys on duty in flood district. The Spanish War veterans were also assisting through the flood period with doughnuts, sandwiches and coffee supplies for those on duty.

Mayor F. H. Mitchell said today that truckloads of food were sent out by friends of his in Portland yesterday. Difficulty was experienced getting the food over the Saco bridge, but it was finally transferred to the Boston and Maine and brought into the city over the railroad, WPA workers getting up at 2 a. m. yesterday and transferring the food to the Pepperell hall. The mayor said this afternoon that there is plenty of food and supplies available.

Schools Closed Here.

At a meeting of the school board this morning, it was decided to keep the Biddeford public schools closed for the rest of the week.

The county commissioners were here yesterday conferring on the situation.

Water on Cleaves Street.

Residents of Cleaves street may get spring water from a spring at 144 Cleaves street. This water was tested in Portland last Friday. Those who knew it was there have been using it since Friday. This supply will save those in that section from walking to the Pepperell hall.

Pepperell Closed Tuesday.

Due to power conditions the Pepperell plant will not be operated tomorrow, it was announced by Agent Davir Cook this afternoon. Notices will be posted on the gates tomorrow regarding whether or not the mill will be operated Wednesday.

B. & M. Lines Open.

All traffic was moving over the Boston and Maine on both divi-

sions here today. Sunday passengers were walking across the bridges from this city to Saco and baggage was being transported on motor cars of the track crews. Buses were transferring passengers

ers in this city because of the road through Saco being closed.

Chislers Discovered.

The emergency workers found this morning that men were getting water from the emergency

supplies and peddling it about from house to house today. Some others who own springs are selling the water 3 gallons for a quarter, but some are getting the emergency supply and selling it.

1, DECEMBER 6, 1927.

DR. J. F. KELLEY IS LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA

Brother of Late Mary E. Kelley Writes to Judge Harry B. Ayer.

A letter was received this morning by Judge of Probate Harry B. Ayer from Dr. John F. Kelley, a dentist, formerly of this city, and a brother of the late Mary E. Kelley, for over 40 years a teacher in the public schools of this city, who died a few months ago. The whereabouts of Dr. Kelley has not been known to his friends in this city for many years, and it was thought by many that he had passed away.

In an attempt to settle the estate of his sister, effort have been made for the past few months to locate the brother, but nothing was heard from him until the letter was received by Judge Ayer today.

Dr. Kelley states in his letter that he has been suffering a great deal from sciatica rheumatism, and that he is planning to go to a hospital near Santiago for treatment.

Dr. Kelley was well known in this city, having conducted offices in this city and Portland. None of his friends in this section are said to have heard from him since he left for the West a number of years ago, but many had the impression that he was in the Middle West.

The letter which bore the date of December 2, was sent by air mail from San Diego, California, and arrived in Biddeford, Monday night.

THE PORTSMOUTH, N. H. HERALD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1937

Fred H. Goss

Funeral services for Fred Howard Goss were conducted at the Buckminster chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Edward H. Newcomb, pastor of the Kittery Point Congregational Church. Included in the large attendance were many neighbors and former associates of Mr. Goss in the drafting department at the Navy Yard.

The bearers were L. E. D. Seeger, Robert Titcomb, William P. Huellin, Charles Wasgatt, Frank Clough and Charles Armstrong. The committal service was held at the grave, the interment taking place in the family lot in the Freewill Baptist cemetery at Kittery Point under the direction of J. Verne Wood.



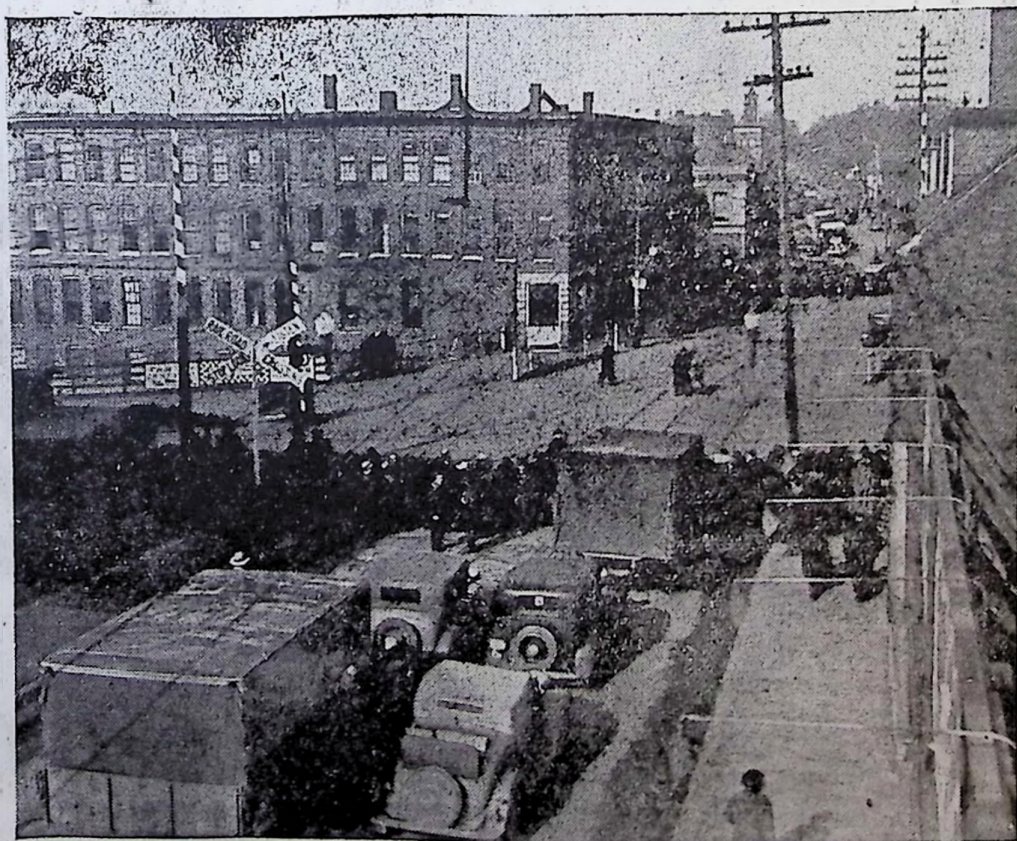
Action along the Saco River increased Wednesday as its waters continued to rise menacingly.

At the upper left dynamite is being used to start an ice jam which threatened to take out the Somesville Bridge at Saco Wednesday afternoon.

At the upper right, an ice jam roars over the dam at Bar Mills after it had been dynamited loose.

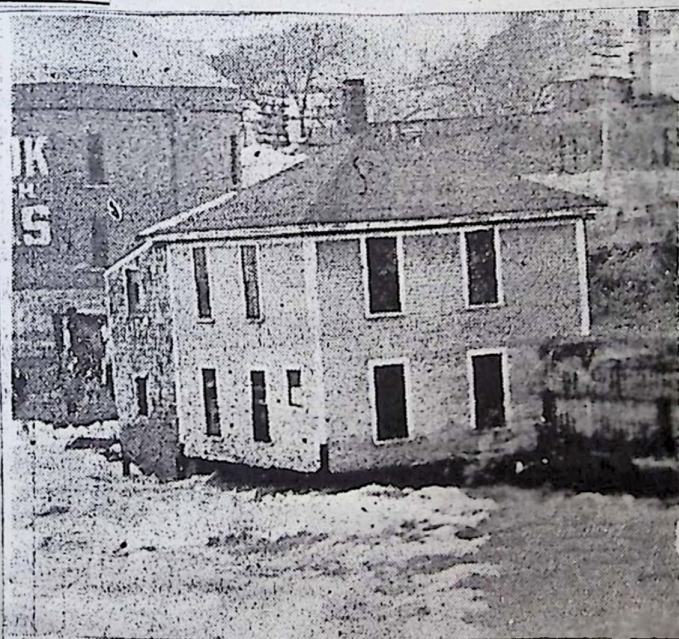
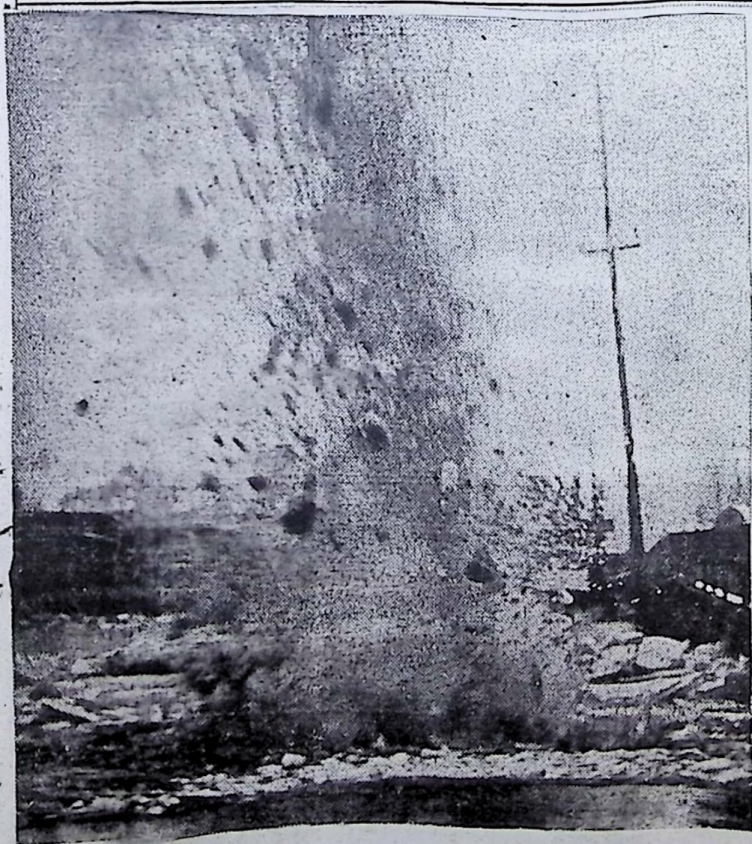
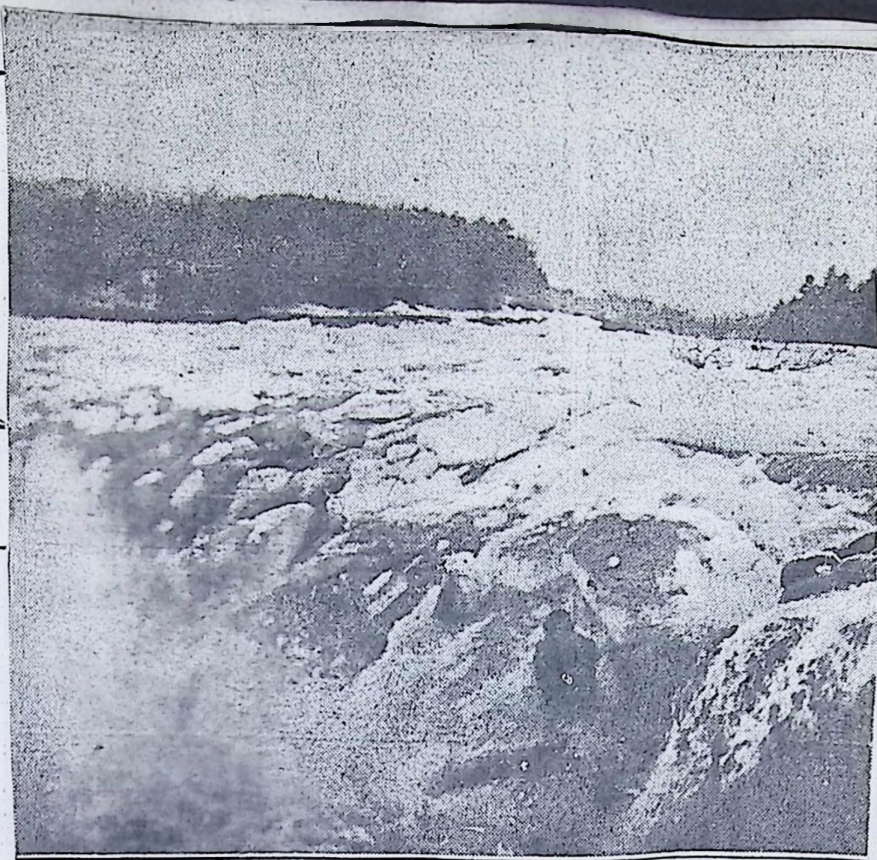
Below, a view of the ice jam which was threatening the Somesville Bridge at Saco before dynamite relieved the situation. Note the poor condition of the piers supporting the bridge.

TRAFFIC TIEUP ON MAIN STREET, SACO



Traffic was badly jammed on Main street, Saco, during the period that Cataract bridge was closed to traffic. At one time a line of cars nearly three miles long extended out on the Portland road.

—By Staff Photographer.

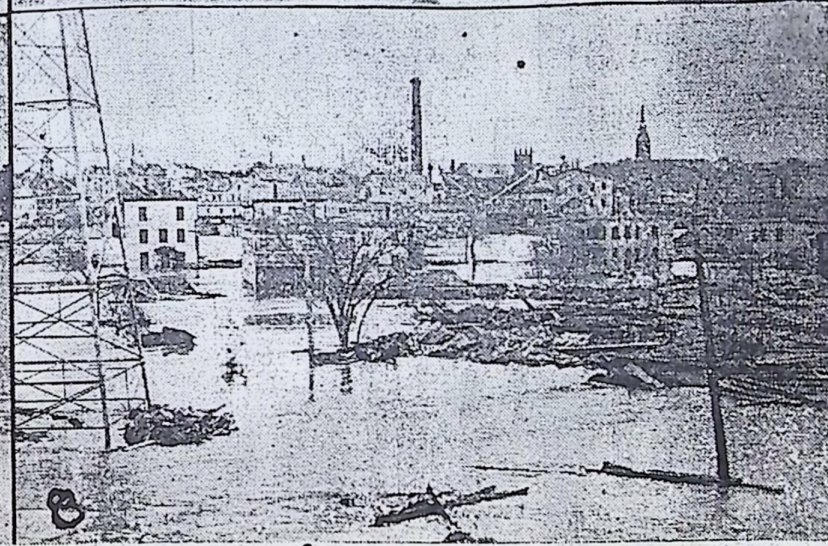
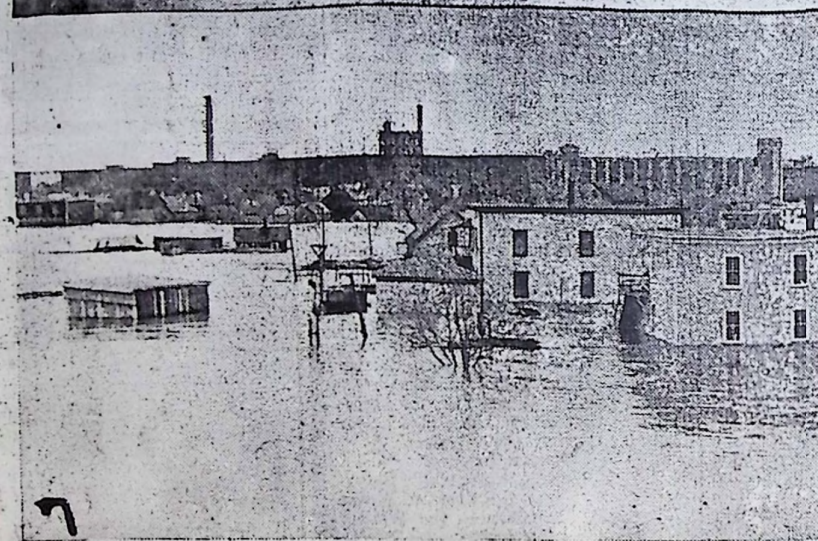
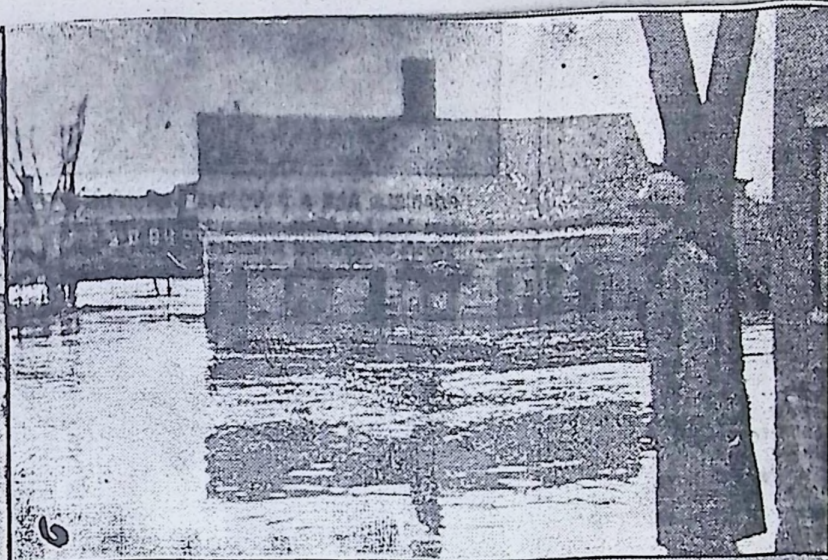


—By Staff Photographer.
A building on Whites wharf showing how water has undermined it. Crowds were watching the house last night expecting that it would topple into the river.

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FLOOD SCENES SUNDAY ON SACO STREETS



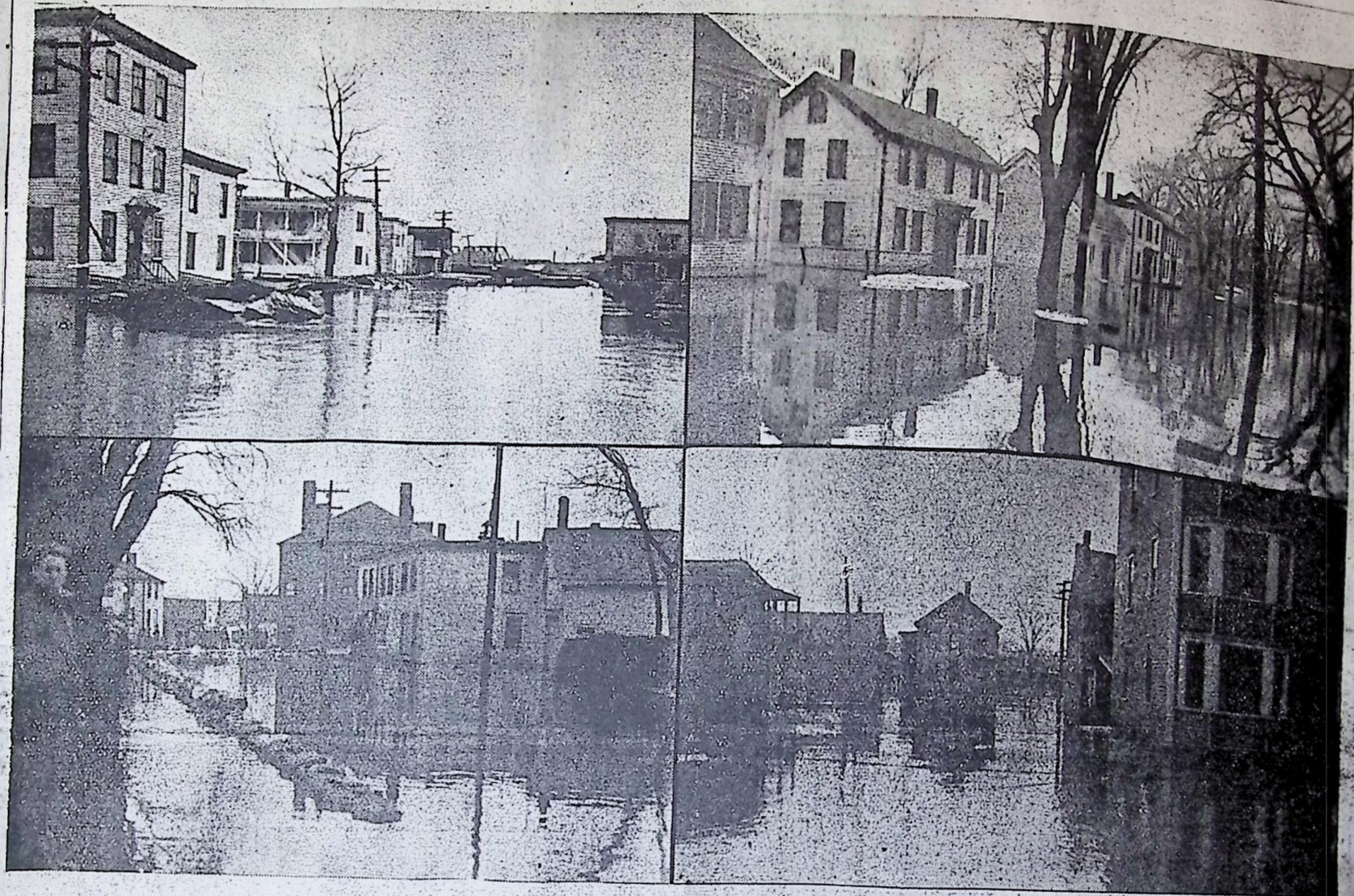


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- No. 1. Elm street, Saco, looking easterly along the street.
 No. 2. Water street, Saco, view taken from Main street, Saco.
 No. 3. Water street, Saco, a view taken from the Roosevelt bridge near the Deering plant, showing the Cousens filling station at the corner of Water and Elm streets, under water, and down the street to the Garland Mfg. Co. plant.
 No. 4. Storer street, Saco, a view that was taken from Elm street,

- No. 5. Lincoln street, Saco, looking towards Elm street.
 No. 6. Houses on Lincoln street, Saco. Ex-City Marshal George Mapes of Saco is shown near the tree looking over the flooded area.
 No. 7. A view from Lincoln street, Saco, looking towards the Saco-Lowell Shops.
 No. 8. Taken from Elm street, Saco, looking up river towards the Somesville section.

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SCENES IN THE FLOODED AREA TODAY



Top Left—Irving street, Saco, showing lumber being washed around in the flood today. Top Right—Storer street, Saco, showing water to a considerable depth this forenoon. Lower Left—Corner of Lincoln and Elm streets, showing the sand bags placed at the corner of the street to prevent the flood waters working through Elm street. Lower Right—Maple street, this city, as it appeared under water today.

—By Staff Photographer.

January 10, 1938

Mrs. P. G. Edgecomb Dies At Hollis Home



Mrs. Perley G. Edgecomb

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Hollis, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Florence E. Edgecomb, 73, wife of Perley G. Edgecomb, died Saturday night at her home on the River Road.

She was born June 4, 1864, at Saco, the daughter of the late Hiram and Clara Libby Hanson, but had lived at Hollis nearly all of her life and attended the Hollis schools. She was married to Mr. Edgecomb when she was 17 and they had observed their 56th wedding anniversary last June. She was a charter member of the Hollis Farm Bureau and the Kings

Daughters of the River Road and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Edgecomb is survived, besides her husband, by two sons, Robert E. Edgecomb of Cape Elizabeth and A. Clinton Edgecomb of Portland, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the home with the Rev. Harlow Skillings officiating. Interment will be in Meeting House Hill Cemetery at Hollis.

MARCH 20, 1937.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

If you want any information about the Saco fire department ask former Chief Albert L. Chellis, who was for many years chief engineer of the department. This is what the Old Settler did, and as a result the information sought by Saco citizens about the old fire station on Thornton avenue can be given.

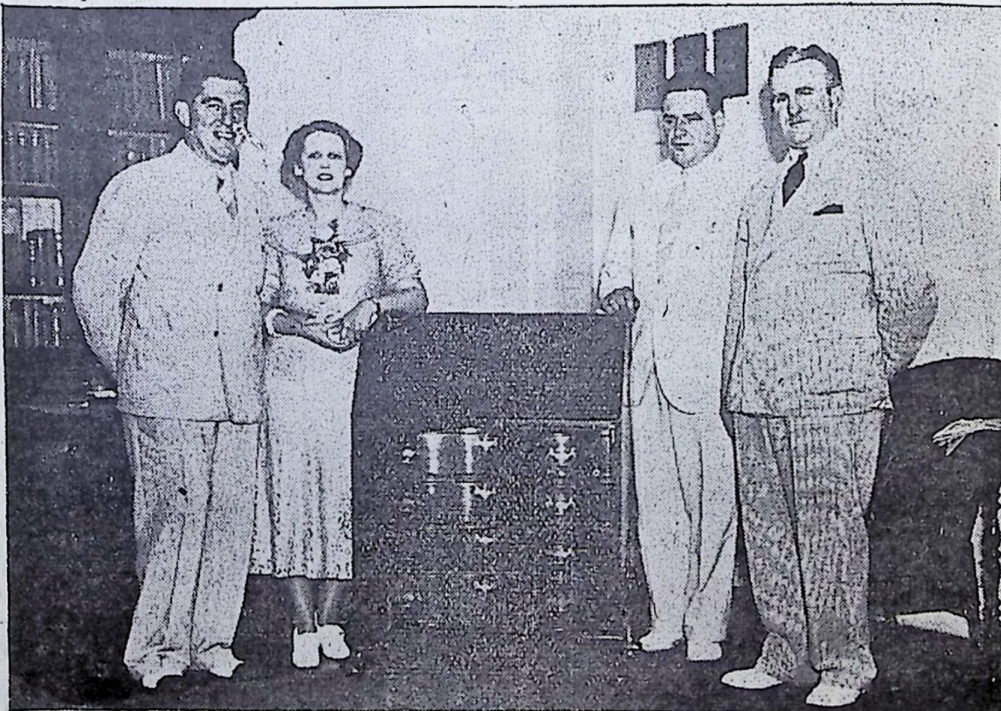
The fire house was built by the city of Saco in 1867. Why such a large building was erected is not known. For some years one of the drivers occupied the second floor with his family. The city bought the old Saco steam fire engine in 1864. After the fire station was built the steamer was housed in the engine-house, as it was then called, also the handtub and the hook and ladder truck. In the early 70s a stable was built in the rear of the station. The fire station when it was built was considered one of the best in this part of the state and the fire fighters were very proud of their quarters.

Mr. Chellis says that since he severed his connection with the fire department in 1912, the fire station has been on fire six times.

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BIDDEFORD DAILY JOURNAL, FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1937.

Tribute Paid To Frank Vennett And Wife

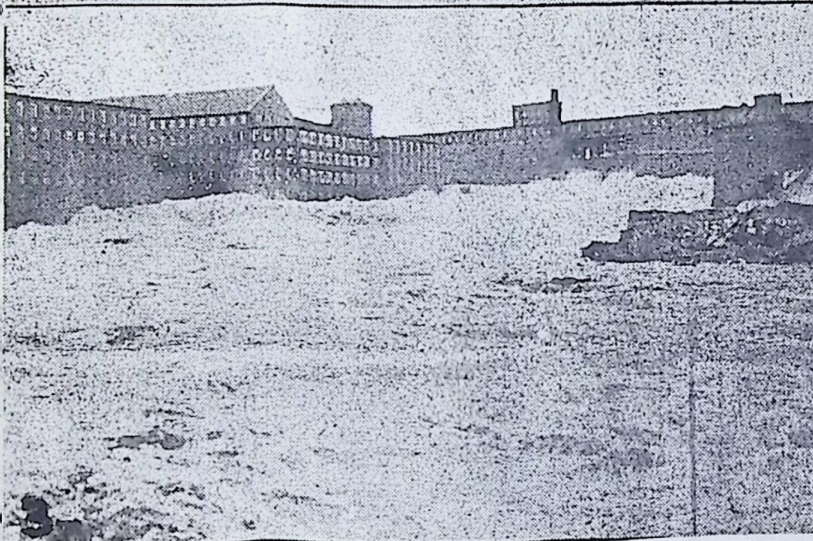
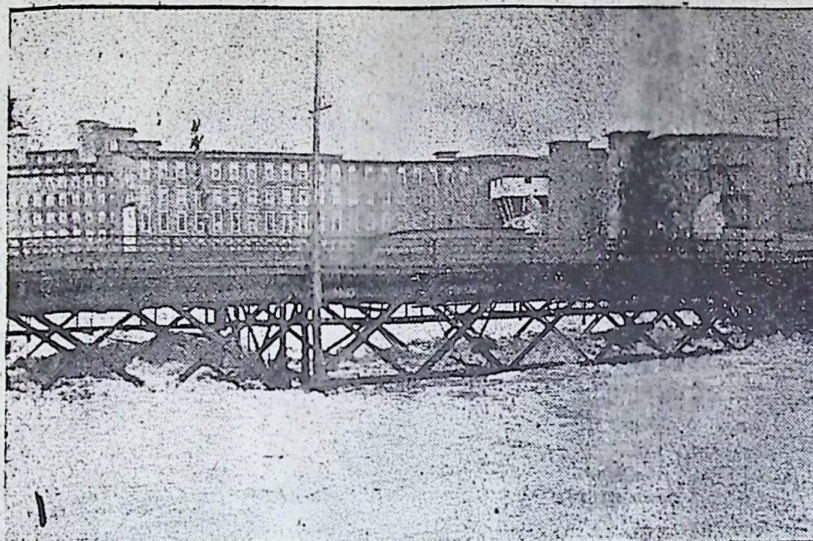


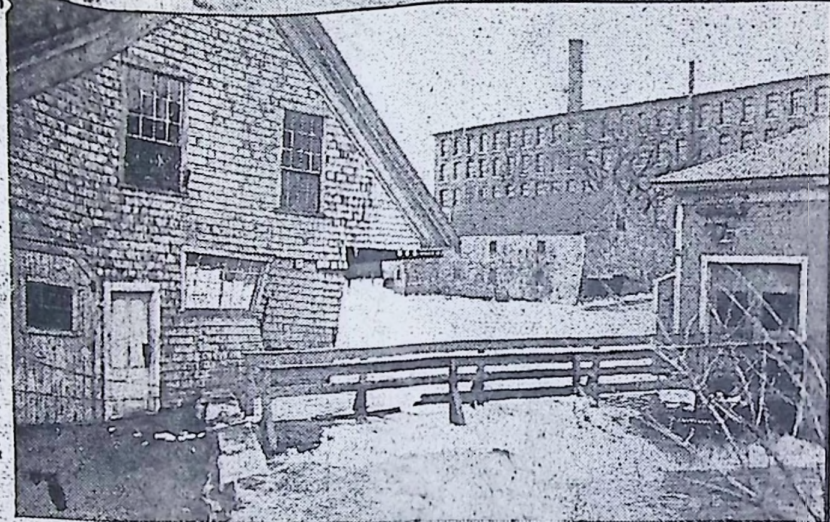
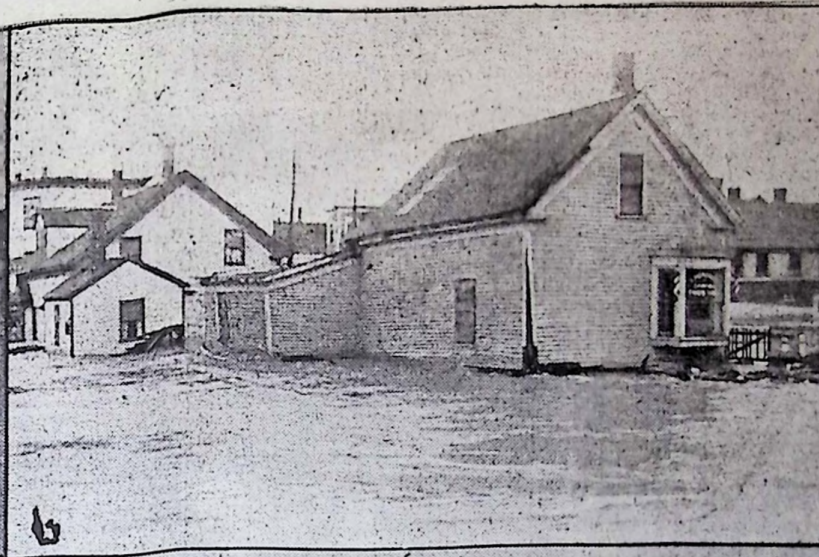
Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Vennett, guests Thursday night of a group of local friends at a testimonial held at the Chadbourne House, Saco, with gift presented, a Governor Winthrop desk.

At right next to the gift desk is James V. Neithercut, who was toastmaster, and Arthur Dickson, who made the presentation.

Biddeford Journal Photo

BIDDEFORD FLOOD SCENES AS RIVER REACHED PEAK SUNDAY





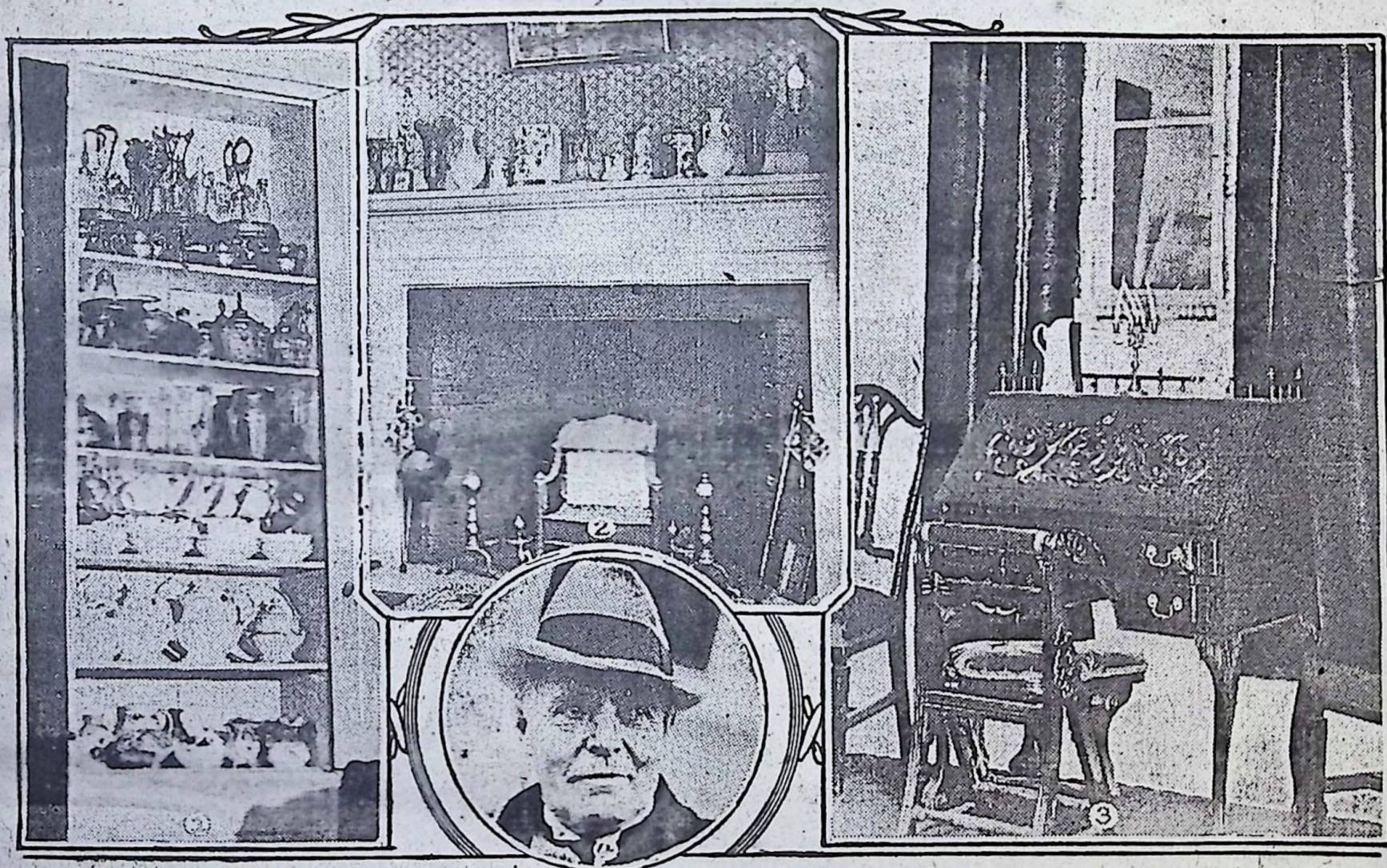
No. 1. Main street bridge about noon Sunday when danger began to abate in this section, and just before the bridge was reopened for travel. Through the night and Sunday morning the water was much higher and rougher. No. 2. The Roosevelt bridge, near the Deering plant, showing the lumber piled up behind the section of the Somerville bridge that was washed out early Sunday morning and started the jam when it brought up against the new bridge. No. 3. Falls behind the Saco-Lowell Sunday, showing the roaring water that was

cutting into the lower Pepperell plant. No. 4. A view of The Homestead in this city, looking from South street towards the front of the buildings. No. 5. The Bradbury bridge, looking at the section between this and the new bridge, along Route 1. No. 6. The barber shop just beyond Bradbury bridge, as it appeared just after the peak of the high water. No. 7. View near the gate house just below Bradbury bridge on Elm street. No. 8. Looking towards The Homestead from Dearborn avenue, showing the Silva house under water.

—By Staff Photographer.

Historic Old Saco Mansion On Storer Street Veritable Treasure House Of Rare Antiques, Paintings And Curios

Old Colonial House, Over 135 Years Old, Long A Familiar Landmark Of Early Days In
Maine And Now Remodelled To Modern Hotel, Contains Price-
less Samples Of Art And Workmanship



No. 1—China closet of Colonial Inn, showing some of the valuable chinaware of an old period. No. 2—The large fire-
place so typical of all Colonial houses. No. 3—A mahogany writing desk, beautifully wrought; and draping the window are
gorgeous curtains of Empire velvet. Inset—Samuel Maurice Hall, owner and manager of the inn.

Special Despatch to The Sunday Telegram

Saco, June 28—There are historical spots that claim the ad-
miration of many and Colonial history furnishes many interest-
ing chapters of heroism, romance and tragedy, but not the least
of interest is the beautiful city of Saco and the sister city of
Biddeford, where many of the first settlers reared their log
house homes and gained national reputations and their fame
gains new luster with the passing years. Saco is practically
half-way between New York and Bar Harbor and half-way be-
tween New York and Bangor, 20 minutes by auto to Portland
and five minutes to Old Orchard Beach and the ocean.

Old Mansion Restored

Since the old landmark in Saco, the
Saco House, was burned many years
ago, the city has been without suitable
hotel accommodations. Recently the old
mansion on Storer Street nearly oppo-
site the postoffice, erected about 135
years ago, has been purchased and re-
modeled by the new owner, Samuel M.
Hall, who christened it Colonial Inn,
and today stands as a monument to his
generosity in providing such a fine
home for the traveling public, and is an
ornament to the city. It stands quite
unique and apart from others.

Changing the old mansion into a ho-
tel was commenced by the late Cap-
tain George V. Jordan when he retired
from his voyages around the world in

1865. It was incomplete at the time
of his death in 1867. His widow and
daughter continued to live in an apart-
ment of the fifty-room mansion until
1907 when his widow died. The daugh-
ter with a maid continued her residence
there until her decease one year ago.

Location Changed

Originally the central hall faced
Main Street with a boardwalk to the
street, bordered on either side with
shrubberies and flowering plants. A
great flower garden was kept in beau-
tiful condition. Much of the old gar-
den still remains, but business blocks
occupy the Main Street frontage. Storer
Street formerly angled to Pepperell
Square, but years ago it was straight-
ened to Main Street, fronting the post-

office.

An inspection of Colonial Inn by
antique lovers is worth while. The Co-
lonial hallway is one of the finest in
the State and throughout the inn are
antiques and relics of bygone days.
Mrs. Charles Brigham of Boston,
daughter of the late Captain Jordan,
was an artist of unusual talent. Her
husband, Charles W. Brigham, was a
noted architect and designed and su-
perintended the additions and remodel-
ing of the State House in Boston in
1888 and 1889 and later. Many of the
paintings of Mrs. Brigham occupy
prominent places on the walls of Co-
lonial Inn.

Fine Furnishings

The inn contains carpets from the
parlors of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel,
New York, that were laid a few months

before it was sold. Also the Empire ve-
lour draperies of the ball room, pur-
chased by Mr. Hall, a regular patron of
the famous New York hotel when in
New York, who bought them at a pri-
vate sale last April, look unusually at-
tractive. Then there is a great Empire
chair from the manager's office of the
Waldorf Astoria, as well as two heavy
mahogany chairs, a mahogany writing
desk, large brass andirons and rugs
from the private rooms of the famous
New York hotel, feature in the fur-
nishings of the Colonial Inn.

mahogany bureaus, ladder back chairs,
old arm chairs, Boston rockers, Windsor
chairs, cane chairs, a bar table, a Sheri-
dan, a Martha Washington and old
card tables, ancient sideboards, curk
maple bedsteads, Marie Antoinette bu-
reau and dressing table, warming pan
bric-a-brac, old china, old portraits
and many other articles highly value
and prized by the owner, attracts the
visitors and at the same time makes
colonial collection blending with the
name.

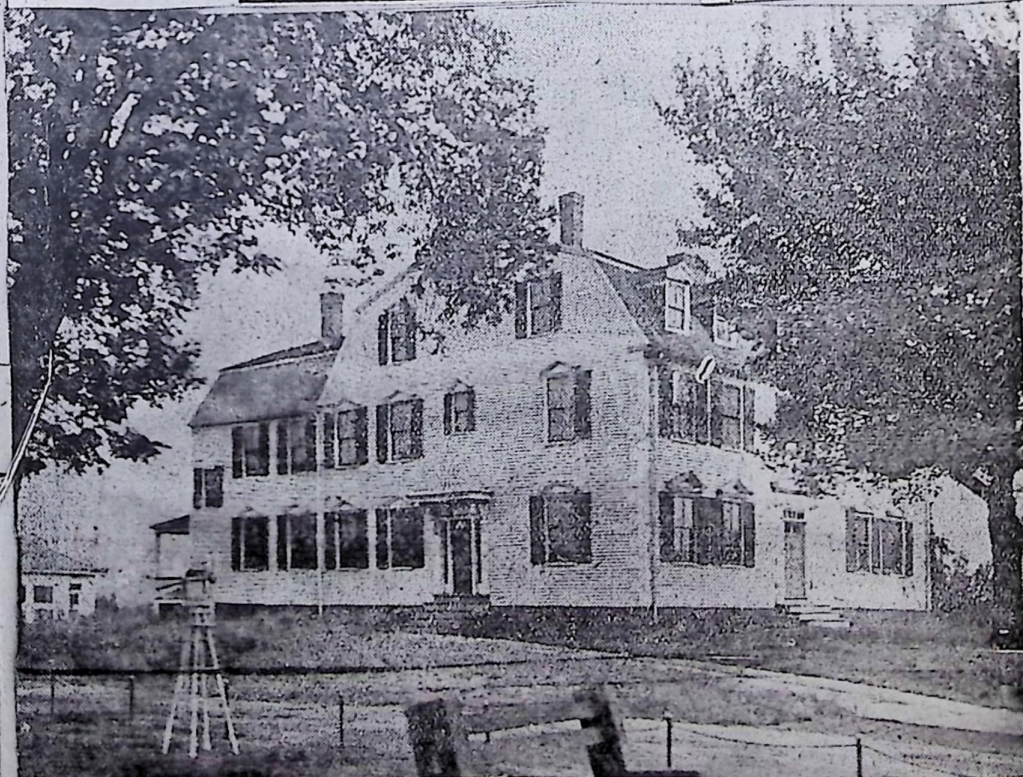
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1937.

OLD CUTTS MANSION WILL BE TORN DOWN

OLD CUTTS MANSION



Old Cutts mansion on York hill, Saco, taken several years ago. This historic old place will probably be razed by Power Co.



Considered one of the outstanding examples of Colonial architecture in Maine, the so-called Cutts Mansion on Factory Island is one of the oldest houses in this section. A poster of January 1, 1825, of which Justice George L. Emery has a copy, gave notice to capitalists that there was an opportunity for industrial expansion on Factory Island, formerly known as Cutts Island, as the entire island, including the mansion, were to be sold at auction. The place was again offered at auction recently, but the auction was called off when the property was sold before the date set for the auction to Harry B. Center of this city.

Announcement was made today by Cecil F. Clark that the Cumberland County Power and Light company has purchased the old Cutts mansion on the brow of York hill, in Saco, formerly owned by the Pepperell Mfg. Co., and bought some months ago by Harry B. Center of this city. The price paid was not made public. The deed was passed late yesterday afternoon. While it had been known that the power company had been dickering for the property for some time the actual transfer did not take place until Friday afternoon.

Mr. Clark is of the opinion that the house will be torn down as the site on which the dwelling is located and surrounding land is needed for the distributor and transmission system of the power company. Many people had hoped

that the old Cutts mansion would not be torn down. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, buildings of the Colonial type in Saco and the interior has been much admired by all who have seen the large rooms, the beautiful finish and the hall and stairway.

The mansion was built by Col. Thomas Cutts in 1782 and at the time was by far the most stately dwelling in the city and for years was one of the show houses of Saco. It came into possession of the Pepperell Mfg. Co. about 1840, as far as can be learned. Some of the agents of the Pepperell company resided there. The last agent to live in the old mansion was Howard R. Whitehead. Since he severed his connection with the corporation and moved to Biddeford Pool the house has been unoccupied.

OCTOBER 29, 1936.

JAMES A. GRAY DIED TODAY

Many friends and acquaintances in Saco and vicinity will learn with deepest regret of the death in Danvers, Mass., early this morning of James A. Gray, 91, for many years a resident of Saco, where he was engaged in the manufacture of bricks at Gray's brickyard on the banks of the Saco river.

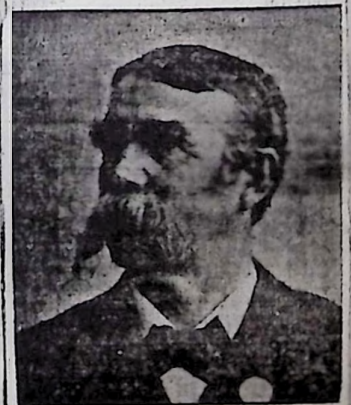
He lived in the brick house on Beach street, nearly opposite the car barn, for a long time. He left Saco to make his home in Danvers, Mass., a few years ago.

James Andrews Gray was born in Beverly, Mass., Aug. 20, 1845, the son of Josiah and Eunice Fuller Gray. He was the youngest and last of a large family of children. On his mother's side he was a direct descendant of Col. Israel Hutchinson of Revolutionary fame.

He received his education in Danvers, Mass., and was graduated from the Holten High school in 1862. He was associated in business with an older brother before he came to Saco in 1882, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick, doing a large and flourishing business for some years. The brick made at his yard, at least many of them, were shipped by vessel to different cities.

Mr. Gray had always been known for his sterling qualities, his straightforwardness and his square business dealings. He was the possessor of a strong, sturdy character and was always sincere and earnest in his convictions. His fearless stand for the right, wherever he found it, was the essential moral fibre of this man.

He was genial and cordial and always greeted his friends with a smile. He was highly respected



JAMES A. GRAY.

and universally esteemed by hundreds of old residents of Saco who counted him as their friend.

He married Georgianna Julia Varnum, daughter of P. Fox Varnum and Elizabeth Thomas, of Portland. She died many years ago.

The body of Mr. Gray will be brought to Saco and funeral services will be held in the chapel at Laurel Hill cemetery, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 28, 1936.

FORMER ARMY SURGEON DEAD

Dr. John S. Fogg Was Inspector General in Philippines

Friends here today learned of the death in a veterans' hospital in the Bronx, New York city, on Friday, November 20, of Dr. John S. Fogg, former U. S. army surgeon and at one time inspector-general of the army of the Philippines, a native of this city and a member of one of the oldest Biddeford families.

Dr. Fogg had been in failing health for the past few years. Most of the time for the past two years he had been under treatment in veterans' hospitals.

Dr. Fogg had a career filled with adventure and interest. Born in this city, in his youth he was fond of sports, a horseman of considerable note, and of athletic build and temperament. He was not graduated from the local high school, but after a while took up studies under preparatory tutors and, having the ambition to become a doctor, applied himself to that purpose and became a student at Bowdoin.

He received his degree from Bellevue university in New York city, and came back to this city to practice. After five years of practice here he sold the practice to Dr. M. H. Ferguson, for years a prominent physician here.

After disposing of his practice here, Dr. Fogg went abroad. He returned to this country at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and enlisted in the service. He was stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, and remained there until the close of hostilities.

At the outbreak of the insurrection in the Philippines, he applied for service and went out on the hospital ship Relief, making the trip by way of the Suez canal. It was a 40-day trip at that time, but this was considered a fast passage. Arriving in Manila, he was assigned to the second battalion of the Third U. S. infantry.

Because of the deaths of the two immediate superiors to him, Dr. Fogg was made regular surgeon and during his service he saw duty at Quingua and San Miguel de Mayuma and several other places on the islands.

Returning to the states, the doctor rounded out 14 years of service and was granted a three-months leave of absence. This period he passed in a European tour and, returning once more, became post surgeon at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, having charge of the medical department at Fort Armstead and Fort Carroll.

During this time, his rank was that of a captain and assistant surgeon. Under a special act of congress, passed in 1901, the doctor once more applied for service in the Philippines Islands and got an assignment to duty in the 11th United States infantry, being stationed for a time in Leyte Island. During this enlistment, Dr. Fogg saw some hard service and though his health had been generally perfect he suffered an attack of appendicitis in the Philippines at a time when he was obliged to remain for a fortnight without medical attendance, during this time his nourishment being barely enough to sustain life.

Troops were at the time surrounded by insurgents and it was impossible to telegraph for medical assistance; so a native was dispatched for medical aid, which was several days arriving.

Dr. Fogg was the owner of a gold medal, presented to him by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This medal was in recognition of services rendered by the doctor during his Philippine service.

He was one of the best versed men in Biddeford on the history of the city, passing much of his time in his late years in studying the historical facts connected with the city. He passed hours poring over old city records and other data in connection with Biddeford and York county. He could talk interestingly for hours of the early history of the city and assisted several authors at times with historical data.

Dr. Fogg leaves his widow, who is at present making her home in Warren with relatives, and one son, John Fogg, Jr.

September 21, 1937

Lewis M. Fowler Dies At Beach

Former Police Head 35
Years With Department;
Once Fire Chief



Lewis M. Fowler

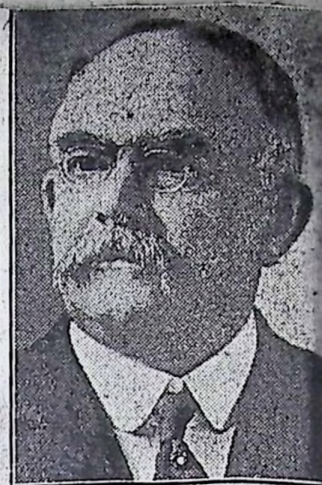
Special Despatch to The Press Herald—Old Orchard Beach, Sept. 20.—Lewis M. Fowler, 64, former chief of the Old Orchard Beach police department, with which he was connected for more than 35 years, and chief of the fire department at the time of the great fire in August, 1907, died at his home, 56 Sea View Avenue, today, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Fowler was born at Westfield, Mass., one of 10 children of Mark D. and Jennie Rodgers Fowler, and coming to Biddeford when he was 16 he resided there for some years. He then came to Old Orchard Beach and he became connected with the police department when the late William A. Whitten was chief. He had served as patrolman, sergeant and captain and was chief in 1923-24.

He was chief of the fire department in 1907 and 1908. For a long time he had been a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Fowler leaves his wife, Mrs. Georgia Clark Fowler, whom he married in 1900; three sons, Theodore, Lewis M., Jr. and Fred, all of Old Orchard Beach; three daughters, Mrs. Madeline Gifun of Biddeford, Miss Zora Fowler of Saco and Mrs. Lillian Rumery of Old Orchard Beach; a sister, Mrs. Nina Boland of Old Orchard Beach; two brothers, Ralph of Northampton, Mass., and Frank of Springfield, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 3.30 p. m. at the Bennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main Street, Saco.



EX-MAYOR WILLIS T. EMMONS



Mrs. Paul Hill Jr.
of Saco

—February 20, 1938

E. AND I. UNION YEAR BROUGHT TO CLOSE AT LUNCHEON MEETING

The 1934-35 season of the Womens Educational and Industrial Union was brought to a most successful close Friday afternoon, with a large attendance at the annual covered-dish luncheon and business meeting which followed.

A bounteous repast consisting of a variety of covered dishes, salads, rolls, coffee, puddings and cakes was served at 1 o'clock by Mrs. Lou B. Moore, chairman of the social committee, and her assistants, Mrs. Christina V. MacLeod, Mrs. Florence B. Milliken, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Gowen, Mrs. Sarah E. Doe and Mrs. Caroline N. Goodier. Tables were attractively decorated with cut flowers and all present expressed due appreciation for the splendid meal and service.

Promptly at 2:30 the group assembled for a business meeting which was duly opened by the president, Mrs. Mildred S. Hawkes, with the reading of the club collect. Several routine matters were passed upon, after which came various annual reports, in which members are always so interested. Following the call for the annual meeting was read by the clerk, Mrs. Ruth S. Murray, the president spoke briefly of the success enjoyed by the club this season, and heartily thanked the members for their cooperation and the spirit of friendliness and cheerfulness which is always manifest when there is need of help.

First and second vice presidents, Miss Florence Dolby and Mrs. May Sweetser, were called upon next and responded in a few well-chosen words.

The clerk's report showed an average attendance of 60 at regular meetings, and a total membership of 169, a loss of five members since last year.

Mrs. Sarah E. Doe, treasurer, gave a most gratifying report of the financial status of the club, with a balance on hand of \$687.22 and the only outstanding indebtedness a small mortgage on the property. Mrs. Doe's books as well as those of the collector were found to be correct by the auditing committee, Miss Florence Dolby, Mrs. Blanche Furber and Mrs. Elsie E. Davis.

Mrs. Nina Goodchild, collector, reported \$304 taken in dues, with \$106 still owed the club. Collections have been more satisfactory this year than last.

While the duties of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sybil S. Hanson, have not been heavy, letters of welcome, of condolence and other necessary correspondence have had prompt attention.

Mrs. Ida S. Smith reported upon the success of the industrial committee, in carrying on the playground project last summer, and upon the winter's activities balance on hand of \$185.55 to be for raising funds, and leaving a

club for the club year 1935-1936.

expended as seems fit upon property improvements this summer. The report of the Sarah Farnfield Hamilton Memorial fund committee as given by Mrs. Jennie Hooper, chairman, was most satisfactory also. Two projects, a supper for the Girl Scouts and the dancing school terms made possible a balance on hand of \$162.32. This money will also be used toward clubhouse renovations.

Miss Lena Lord told briefly of the programmes which the programme committee was called upon to provide for the club members during the past year.

Mrs. Annie P. Winslow, that grand old member of the Union, who has had much to do with its activities for the past 49 years, read an interesting newspaper article on a state federation meeting which took place in 1899. Mrs.

Winslow has represented the Union at Federation meetings more than 25 times.

Press Reporter Mrs. Frances L. Hewes reported on the amount of publicity the local newspaper had most generously given the club, and expressed appreciation for the courtesy and patience shown her while she has held this office. A vote was taken to extend thanks to the Journal for its cooperation.

Mrs. Sybil Hanson, chairman of the property committee, gave a brief summary of the improvements which will be made upon the club property this summer. Between \$500 and \$600 will be spent so that by fall, both on the inside and the outside, many needed renovations will have been made to add to the comfortableness of the clubhouse.

A moment of silence followed the report of the necrologist, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Douglass, who paid fitting tribute to the two members lost to the club during the past year, Mrs. Josephine L. Stackpole and Mrs. Mary A. Furber.

The report of the nominating committee brought the business meeting to a close. This was read by Mrs. Alice S. Black in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander. The following officers were nominated:

President, Mrs. Mildred S. Hawkes; first vice president, Miss Florence G. Dolby; second vice president, Mrs. May S. Sweetser; clerk, Mrs. Ruth S. Murray; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah E. Doe; collector, Mrs. Vivian Coates; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sybil S. Hanson.

Directors for one year: Mrs. Clara S. Blake, Mrs. Frances E. Whitton, Mrs. Eva M. Webber.

Directors for two years: Mrs. Alice S. Black, Mrs. Mary G. Lowell, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander.

Directors for three years: Mrs. Helen W. Hull, Mrs. Nina Goodchild, Mrs. Alice Mason.

A vote was taken giving the clerk authority to cast a ballot electing the above to office and they duly became the officers of the

club for the club year 1935-1936. Mrs. Hawkes, who remains at the ship's helm another year, made a few remarks concerning the future of the club and spoke especially of the help she has received in the past from the officers, without which she never could have carried on. Of course, all present agreed with Miss Florence Mason, who said, rather as an aside, that without a forceful captain no crew can succeed.

Singing and story telling brought the pleasant afternoon to a close and a motion for adjournment was in order.

The following attended the luncheon: Mrs. Mary G. Lowell, Mrs. Alfred E. B. Hall, Mrs. Howard E. Handy, Mrs. Arthur W. Andrews, Mrs. Lillian M. Allen, Mrs. Blanche Furber, Mrs. Mary V. Coates, Mrs. Addie B. Boston, Mrs. Mary A. Beckwith, Mrs. Dora H. Harmon, Miss Lena Lord, Mrs. Philip E. Graves, Mrs. Fred B. Moody, Mrs. J. Clifford Lockery, Mrs. G. H. Dolby, Mrs. Frances E. Whitton, Mrs. Annie I. Vinton, Mrs. Alfreda Underwood, Miss Florence Dolby, Mrs. Jeanie Sweetser, Mrs. John S. Black, Jr., Mrs. Mark B. Black, Mrs. May S. Sweetser, Mrs. Frank C. Reed, Mrs. Carl Dennett, Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, Mrs. Arthur B. Cook, Mrs. H. W. Yeaton, Mrs. C. E. Morse, Miss Florence Mason, Mrs. Seth M. Hanson, Mrs. Evelyn S. Kennedy, Mrs. Jennie M. Hooper, Mrs. Edna Hutchins, Mrs. Florence M. Brooks, Mrs. E. W. Robbins, Mrs. H. J. French, Mrs. Josephine Cole Brown, Mrs. Grace W. Small, Mrs. Sybil B. Cobb, Mrs. Nellie J. Palmer, Mrs. Mildred S. Hawkes, Mrs. Alice H. Ford, Mrs. Alphonso E. Libby, Mrs. W. H. Whitehead, Mrs. Mabelle L. Watson, Mrs. Gordon M. Murray, Mrs. Annie P. Winslow and Mrs. Frances L. Hewes.

NING, MAY 6, 1937.

E. J. BOLEN, JR., DIED TODAY Was President and Manager of Saco Theater

Edward J. Bolen, Jr., well-known Saco resident and for nine years manager of the Mutual theater, died at 5.10 this morning at local hospital, following a brief illness. His age was 66 years, nine months and two days.

Mr. Bolen was born in Rutland, Vt., the son of Edward J. and Victoria Collins Bolen.

He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Muriel Pollard of Fitchburg, Mass., and a granddaughter, Nina Irene Pollard of Fitchburg.

Mr. Bolen was engaged as a sign painter and artist in this city for several years, but practically all his life had been interested in theaters.

He was an architect and built up a wide reputation in that field. Mr. Bolen was for some years employed by the Black & Black theater circuit redesign theaters in different cities in Maine. Among the motion picture houses he redesigned was the Central theater on Alfred street this city and the Colonial in Saco. He also designed and supervised buildings in other

cities to the state as far north as Caribou.

He began his career as manager of a moving picture theater in the Colonial theater, now Most Holy Trinity church at the corner of Main and School streets in Saco. This was about 1912 or 1913.

In 1928 he became manager of the Mutual theater right across the street, in the building of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

He frequently said to his friends, when talking shop: "The first theater of which I was manager was the old Colonial and the next which will be my last, the Mutual, directly across the street." His prediction became true.

As an architect he executed drawings and plans for a number of buildings hereabout. He designed the handsome building of the Mutual Fire Insurance company at the corner of Thornton avenue and Main street in Saco, in which the Mutual theater is located.

He also designed and drew all

Richard C. Owen, post, American Legion, on Beach street in Saco, one of the finest buildings of its type in Maine, say many who have visited Legion homes in other parts of the state.

He designed the Mutual theater, a cozy little moving picture house which has been a success from the start. He was manager of the theater from 1928 until 1932 and, since that time had been president and manager of the Mutual Theater, Inc.

He will be missed by many friends in the two cities and by the patrons of the Mutual theater.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Dennett & Craig's funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be private. Friends may call between 12 and 1 o'clock.

OCTOBER 4, 1937.

W. R. THOMPSON DIED SUDDENLY Conducted Grocery Store in Saco for 14 Years

William R. Thompson, well-known resident of Saco, engaged in the grocery business there for 14 years, died suddenly Sunday night at his home, 36 Thornton avenue. His age was 73 years, six months and 26 days.

Mr. Thompson was born in South Portland, the son of Robert and Ellen (Brown) Thompson.

He conducted a grocery store in the stone building, corner of Main street at Pepperell square for 14 years, and for 10 years was engaged as a traveling salesman in the pulp and paper business.

Mr. Thompson was one of the oldest members of Saco lodge of Odd Fellows.

He was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends locally and through the state.

Mr. Thompson leaves his wife, who was Ida N. Roberts of Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed today.

CHARLES WHITWORTH FATALLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT SACO

Charles Whitworth, 72, of 111 Pleasant street, Saco, gatetender for the Boston and Maine at the Main street crossing in Saco for 30 years, was instantly killed Sunday night at 7 o'clock, when he was struck by an automobile, owned and operated by Roy N. Ordway of Concord, N. H., as he stepped from between two automobiles, parked near the Mutual theater, on Main street, Saco, a stone throw from police headquarters, directly in front of the machine.

Mr. Whitworth was picked up by police and others and taken to City building and Dr. David H. Sheehan called, but there was nothing that could be done. Dr. George R. Love, medical examiner for York county, was notified, and after he had made an examination said that death was instantaneous. Mr. Whitworth's neck was broken and his left ankle fractured.

Mr. Ordway, who was taken to the police station for questioning, was in a highly nervous state, as a result of the accident.

Following the fatality County



CHARLES WHITWORTH.

Attorney Joseph E. Harvey was summoned to the police station, where an investigation was held. After eye witnesses had been questioned the county attorney stated that no action would be taken against the motorist, who teaches music in Manchester, N. H., although he makes his home in Concord.

The county attorney said that, according to the stories told by eye-witnesses, Mr. Ordway was driving slowly at the time and was obeying the motor vehicle laws. As a result, the driver was absolved from all blame. Following the investigation, Mr. Ordway left his car in Saco and returned to Portland where he passed the night with friends.

According to stories told the police and the county attorney, Mr. Whitworth was on his way to the School Street Methodist

church, shortly before 7 o'clock. When he reached a point near the Mutual theater, he and a young man, who was with him, stepped from the sidewalk to cross the street. They passed between two machines parked almost in front of the playhouse. Mr. Whitworth, being just ahead of his companion, walked directly into the path of the automobile proceeding slowly down Main street and was struck and knocked down.

Evidently the gatetender did not look to the right or left before he stepped from between the cars or, if he did so, he failed to notice the approaching automobile.

Mr. Whitworth had been asked to lead the singing at the School Street church last night and was hurrying to the edifice when he met his death. The young man who was with him was to sing a solo. It was a sad service at the church for news of Mr. Whitworth's death reached the church before the meeting began.

Mr. Whitworth's many friends in the two cities were shocked to learn of his death. During the 30 years he had been guarding the Boston and Maine crossing he had met many people and was known by hundreds of motorists who passed over the crossing daily. He was a conscientious and faithful employe and was on his job every minute of the eight hours he was on duty. He was known by hundreds of railroad men on the Western division.

Mr. Whitworth entered the employ of the Boston and Maine, Dec. 3, 1899, as a section hand. He was made crossing tender at the Main street crossing, where he had since worked continuously 30 years.

Mr. Whitworth was born in England, the son of James and Jane Schofield Whitworth. He leaves one son, William Charles Whitworth and two grandchildren.

He was a member of the School Street Methodist church of Saco and was past chancellor of Mavoshen Lodge, K. P., and a past president of the Maine State Detectives association.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main street, Saco.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1937.

H. T. BOOTHBY DIED TODAY

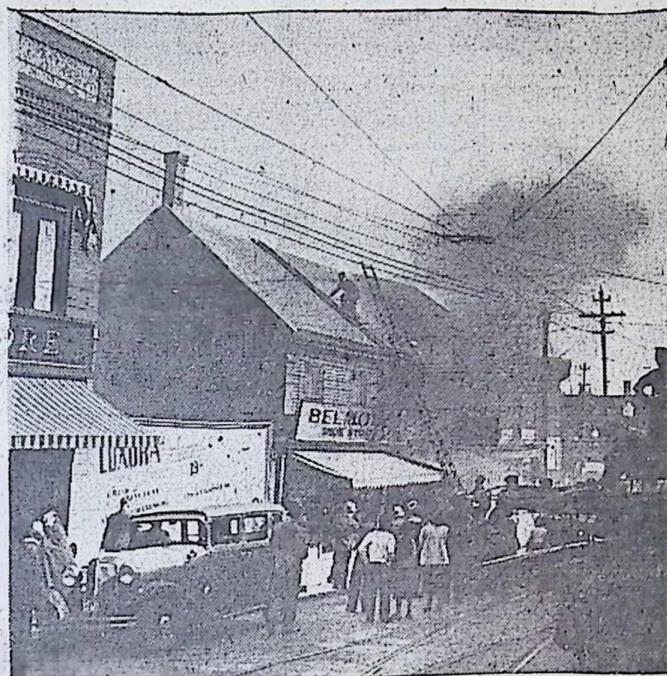
Henry T. Boothby, a life-long resident of Saco, died early this morning at his home, 84 Temple street. He had been retired several years.

Mr. Boothby was born in Saco and was well known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in that city and vicinity. He leaves two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 84 Temple street Saco, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Rev. Victor O. Dowdell will officiate at the services, burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

BUILDING DAMAGED

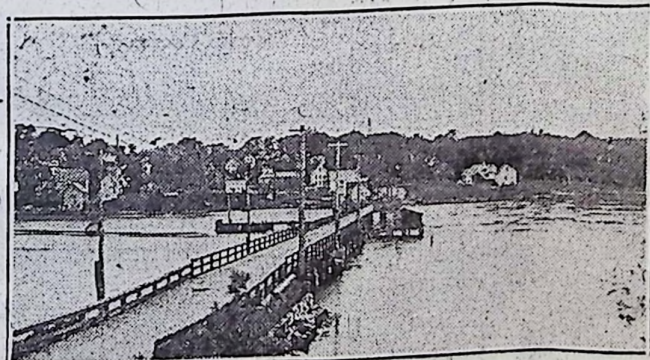


Building at the corner of Main and Laconia streets, this city, damaged by fire this noon. Firemen held the fire in the rear of the middle store where it apparently started from an oil heater.

Biddeford Journal Photo

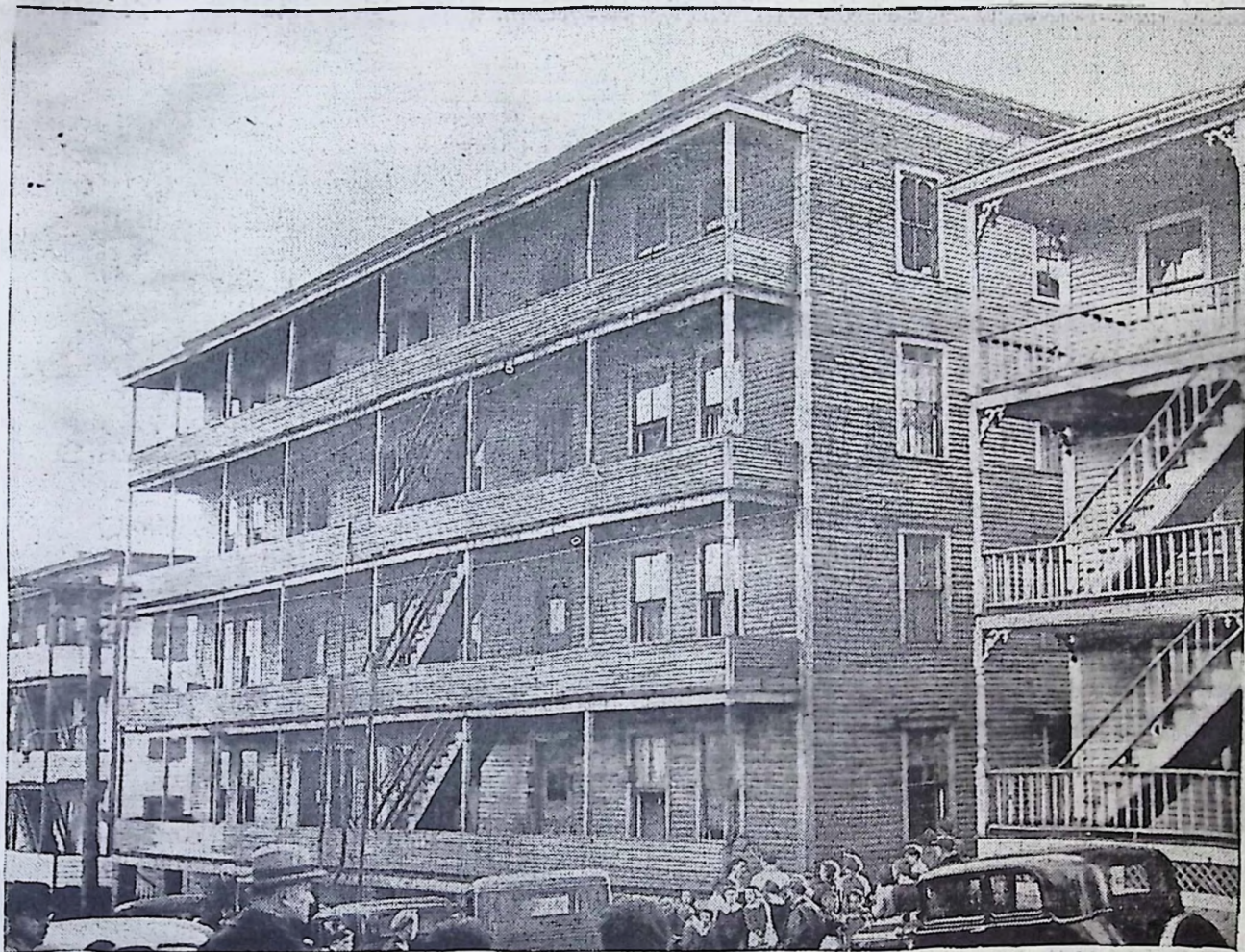
NDAY PRESS HERALD, AUGUST 3, 1930

Will Soon Give Way To Progress



Verona Bridge at Bucksport which in a short time will have to give way to a modern structure to care for the traffic that will pass over the Waldo-Hancock Bridge when completed.

Cyr Block On Hill Street Swept By Fire Last Night



Front view of the big Cyr block on Hill street, occupied by 12 families, which was swept by fire last night. Although fire did not reach the front section of the building, it was necessary to use several water lines from this end to check spread of the flames, and heavy water damage was caused in all tenements.

—Biddeford Journal Photo

DECEMBER 1, 1937.

Mrs. E. W. Vinton, Well-Known Saco Woman, Dead

Mrs. Annie I. Vinton, wife of Edward W. Vinton, Saco cigar-maker, a resident of Saco for the past 50 years, died suddenly last night at a local hospital. Her age was 69 years, 1 month and 15 days.

Mrs. Vinton was born in Providence, R. I., daughter of John and Ann (Holland) Lynch.

She was well-known in Saco and was active for years among a large circle of friends. For 25 years she resided in the same house on Pleasant street and made many friends in that neighborhood.

Mrs. Vinton was a member of the United Baptist church of Saco, the E. & I. Union, Saco and Biddeford Garden club and for years was active in Saco Rebekah cir-

cles. She made many friends in these activities by whom she was held in high esteem.

She leaves her husband, one daughter, Edna, wife of Dr. John L. Armstrong; two sisters, Mrs. William Norlick and Miss Catherine Lynch, both of Providence, R. I.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

NOVEMBER 27, 1937.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Boynton announce the engagement of their daughter, Olive, of No. 12 Rockridge road, Waltham, Mass., to Frederick C. Lord, Jr., of Saco, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Lord.

Miss Boynton is a graduate of Waltham high school and is now a senior in Lasell Junior college.

Mr. Lord graduated from Hebron academy, attended the University of Virginia and is now a junior at Tufts Dental school, Boston, Mass.

Reconstruction Work on Old Cutts Mansion Pushed by the Contractor

Mrs. Anthony To Show Gratitude to Saco Folk

The century and a half old Cutts mansion in Saco, the first home as a bride of Mrs. Richard Cutts, a sister of President Madison's wife, has been razed, but will be re-erected near the banks of the Saco river two miles from its original site. It was in this mansion that Col. Thomas Cutts, father of Richard, conceived the vision which resulted in Biddeford and Saco, across the Saco river from each other, being among the leading manufacturing centers of New England.

A utilities company last spring started constructing a power plant at Cataract Falls, where the poet, Whittier, in his "Mogg Magone," had the Indian chief stand "alone on a pillar of stone." As the mansion stood on a place needed for one of the buildings, orders were given to tear it down, to the consternation of Saco and Biddeford people. Every effort to preserve it failed.

At this point, Mrs. Gertrude L. Anthony, formerly of Auburn, and Scarsdale, N. Y., came forward. She had been a summer resident here for several years and everywhere was cordially received. She decided to make Saco her home. In appreciation of the welcome, as she expresses it, she decided to buy the mansion, have it taken down and re-erected elsewhere.

An idea of the task ahead of the contractor may be gained from the fact that the building was 40 by 50 feet on the ground, and two and a half stories high, built of solid oak timbers, fastened together with wooden pins. All of the boards are of virgin growth pine, many of them three and four feet wide. Mrs. Anthony's orders to her architect, a specialist in colonial buildings, were that the original timbers, boards and clapboards must be placed in the reconstructed mansion where they came from in the old.

At the start photographs were taken of the interior of each room, measurements made and each room lettered. As the demolition began, each board, clapboard, timber and piece of wood was numbered and tagged, and then placed in storage to guard against any being stolen. The work was far from completed when the 2,000 mark in numbering had been passed. Many curious things were found in the razing. For example, in one room a layer of sand covered with birch bark was discovered between the floor boards. This presumably was used as insulation to keep out drafts, as the only method of heating at that time were huge fireplaces. Even

the sand and the birch bark were tagged to be re-used in the reconstructed building. Even hand-wrought nails were tagged for re-use. Razing of the building was completed last week-end. In the meantime workmen have been doing preliminary work for reconstruction on the new site half way down the Saco river, at what is known as Edgecombs Point.

The mansion as erected by Col. Cutts was 40 by 50 feet. In later years a two-story ell was erected by subsequent owners. Mrs. Anthony's plan is to have the mansion

SAVES MANSION



MRS. GERTRUDE L. ANTHONY.

restored as it was originally built and use that as a museum. As far as possible she will furnish it with the same mahogany furniture that the Cutts family used and with other household goods of that period. No modern household equipment of any kind will be used in that part of the building. The ell, which was built at a later period, will be attached to the mansion as it was. Its equipment will be the last word in household comfort and convenience. That will be Mrs. Anthony's winter residence. During the summer she will live at her summer home, "Padua," situated in one of the most attractive parts of Bay View on Saco bay.

The mansion was originally built on an island in the Saco river, now known as Factory island. At that time, however, it was Indian island. At the upper end, which then was covered with oak trees and was the habitat of Indians of the Sokokis tribe, the Saco river divides in two streams plunging down on either side over precipitous rocks in thundering cataracts. At the lower end the two streams unite into one in which the tide

ebbs and flows. It was the lower end of the island that Cutts chose for his store. He bought a small part of the island, which tradition says was originally bought from "Mogg Magone" for a bottle of rum. It might be stated in passing that in the original deed for the land the name is spelled "Hogg" instead of "Mogg."

The Cutts mansion is a monument to this business success of Col. Cutts. In 1768 when 22 years old he came to Saco, where he started in business in a small way with \$100 capital. A few years later he erected a small story and a half wooden building, one part of which was used as his residence and the other for his store. He soon bought a small part of Factory island other than that where his store stood and acquired a saw mill and a grist mill. He invested in shipping and sent in his own ships the lumber his mill had sawed to the West Indies and England. After the close of the War of the Revolution when the confiscation act had been passed Sir William Pepperell's land holdings were seized because he had remained a loyalist. Col. Cutts then bought thousands of acres of the Pepperell property,

including his ship-building plant at Biddeford Pool. From that time on his fortune grew rapidly as his ships traded in all parts of Europe. Among his acquisitions was the whole of Indian island.

In spite of his prosperity Cutts continued to live in the small building. All of his eight children with one exception were born there. One was Richard Cutts, who later served several terms in the national house of representatives and was appointed assistant comptroller of the currency.

In 1782 he erected the mansion, where he entertained lavishly. An inventory of his estate shows that there was much mahogany furniture, including tables, highboys, four-poster bedsteads, sideboards and crystal candeliers with an abundance of glass, linen and silverware. From the high bluff on which it stood he could look down upon his shipping at the nearby wharves. It is recounted that at one time he counted thirty of his own ships at anchor near his house.

It will be recalled that there were two smaller houses at the easterly side of the driveway leading to the mansion. Those also were built by Col. Cutts, one for a smoke house and the other for a wash house. They were later converted into places of residence.

The house of Richard Cutts, son of Col. Cutts, which was considered one of the most pretentious in Saco, was erected where the York Manufacturing company's cotton storehouse now stands at the corner of Gooch and Main streets. It was later moved to Alfred street, Biddeford, notes found in a local historian's note book state.

It was while living there that he conceived the idea of erecting a nail factory on one of the wharves and shipping the product by water to Boston. He succeeded in inter-

Main Building To Be Used as Museum

esting Josiah Calif of Boston in this project and the factory was erected. This was the first industry other than saw mills in the two cities.

There were then but 16 houses in Saco. A wooden cotton mill followed, which was later burned. A brick building succeeded it. Cotton mill after cotton mill followed until now the island is nearly covered with cotton textile plants. From the nail factory has grown a cotton textile machinery plant whose products are used in Russia, Japan, China, South America and in the majority of cotton textile mills in the United States.

The success of the cotton textile mills in Saco led to building plants in Biddeford covering acres upon acres, with resultant increase in population in both cities. Thus the vision of Col. Cutts formed in the mansion resulted in the two municipalities begin what they are today. The generosity of Mrs. Anthony in preserving the mansion will perpetuate the memory of Col. Thomas Cutts, who did so much for Biddeford and Saco.

William W. Brooks, the contractor in charge of the work of restoring the mansion, said this morning that the task of pouring the cement for the new foundations will be started Monday. The forms are already in place.

MAY 6, 1938.

MRS ARTHUR S. NEWCOMB.

The following account of the death of Mrs. Arthur S. Newcomb, formerly of this city, was published at Pinehurst:

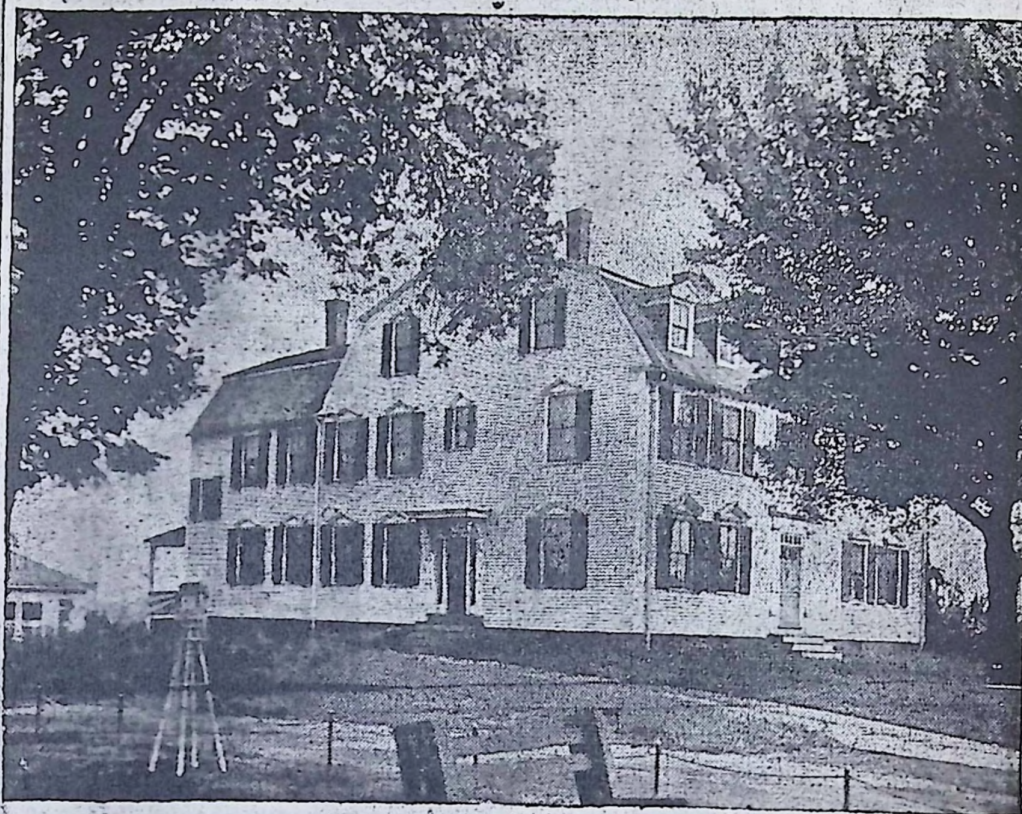
Mrs. Arthur S. Newcomb, one of the most popular and widely known women of the Sandhills, died at 10.45 o'clock, April 21, at the Moore County hospital, where she had been a patient but a few hours. Her death came as a great shock to her many friends, as Mrs. Newcomb had been in apparent good health throughout the winter. Mrs. Newcomb, the daughter of R. H. Pippen and Julia Pillsbury Pippen, was born in Biddeford, Me., February 7, 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb came to the Sandhills from Biddeford, Me., their northern home, in 1904 and built a home in Lakeview shortly after their arrival. They have played a prominent part in the upbuilding of the community, taking an active interest in social, religious and civic affairs in Pinehurst and Southern Pines as well as in Lakeview.

Frances, as she was known to her many friends, was noted for her unflinching courtesy and pleasant manner, endearing her alike to intimate associates and casual acquaintances. Many expressions of regret, as well as of sympathy for Mr. Newcomb in his great loss, have been voiced.

A memorial service, attended by a multitude of friends, was held in the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, at 3.00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. T. A. Cheatham officiating. The body was carried to Washington, D. C., Saturday night for cremation. 33

Historic Cutts Mansion Will Be Saved



Announcement was made today that the Cutts mansion on York hill, Saco, which was to be razed in the construction of the new dam at Cataract falls, will be preserved. Purchase of the mansion by Mrs. Gertrude L. Anthony, prominent Bay View resident, was announced by the owners of the property. A Saco contractor will dismantle the house and reconstruct it in as near the original condition as possible on a new site selected by the owner.

DAILY JOURNAL, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1, 1937.

PARTNERSHIP OF POOL FISHERMEN WAS AN UNUSUAL ARRANGEMENT

The recent death in a Portland hospital of Charles Hatch, aged 78, closes one of the most unusual partnerships on record. Back in 1882 Charlie Hatch was a husky young blacksmith working for the Saco Water Power Co. at Saco.

Fred A. Waterhouse, a few years younger, was his helper. Hatch made only about \$12 a week and he could not see much future ahead. So, one day, he suggested to Waterhouse that they jack their jobs and go fishing. Waterhouse agreed. Hatch owned a little sloop called the Dreadnaught and they sailed in it down to Biddeford Pool, where they hired a little shack and started in. They used the sloop until 1889, when they built the Grace W. Hane, a ten-ton schooner.

In 1901 they branched out again and at South Bristol had the 38-ton schooner Mabel Bryson built for Gamage. They used the Bryson for seven years. In April they fitted

out for the Southern mackerel fishing and went to the Delaware capes, following the fleet up the coast and swordfishing on the Grand Banks and Georges. In 1907 they sold the Bryson and went lobstering in a power dory.

Then they went to the Clark boat-shop at Kennebunkport and Clem Clark built them the Mariner, a 52-footer with a big motor and auxiliary sail-power. They began fishing in her in 1914 and used her until about six or seven years ago, when they sold her to Massachusetts Italians. She was too big. They were getting along and had to hire a crew of five or six, so they went back to a smaller craft.

The Staples & Johnson Boat Co., on the Saco river, built them a 32-footer with a twin power plant. They used this until two years ago when they sold it and retired. Some of the particularly interesting things about their partnership

are these: They lived together in an upstairs apartment over a boat-house near their wharf for 35 years. Neither one ever married. Unlike most fishermen neither Captain Hatch nor Capt. Waterhouse ever used tobacco or liquor. Although they kept bachelor's hall they lived well and always had the best food they could buy. They always paid their bills when due and were fine citizens. They never fished on Sundays.

Their lives were independent and useful. They amassed considerable of this world's goods by hard work and by saving. They owned the Pool's best wharf and the best section of its waterfront, selling it two years ago to good advantage. They carried on, as long as they could but at last advancing years and declining health obliged them to quit. Captain Hatch had been living with his sister in Saco for a year and Captain Waterhouse is with a relative in Biddeford.

Some 25 years ago a wealthy summer visitor whom they had taken out several times, upon returning to the city sent them a case of whisky. A case of dynamite could not have created more consternation. One winter there was a grip epidemic and they saw a chance to be of service. They turned the liquor over to a local physician and were mighty glad to get rid of this skeleton in their closet.

Once some swordfishermen were returning from Georges. They had run out of tobacco and were half-dead for a smoke or chew. Joy marked their features when they came alongside the Mabel Bryson, fishing a few miles offshore. Surely these two veterans would stake them to enough of the weed to last until they could get ashore. They made their request.

"Sorry, boys, we don't use it. Best we can offer is this," Captain Hatch held out a big box of candy he and Waterhouse had been munching!

Although they moved away from the Pool last summer they have been frequent visitors when some friend would bring them down in an automobile. A lot of folks miss Charlie Hatch. His long-time partner is in very poor health. Theirs was a partnership that endured from 1882 to 1936.—Lewiston Journal.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1937.

F. G. Leavitt, a Saco Native, Died Thursday

Frank G. Leavitt, 64, treasurer of Carter Brothers company, Portland jeweler, died at his home, 31 Belmeade road, Portland, Thursday, after an illness of 10 months.

Mr. Leavitt was born at Saco, Aug. 21, 1873, the son of Captain and Mrs. Francis W. Leavitt. He attended Saco schools and was graduated from Thornton academy. He went to Portland, in 1895, and shortly afterwards became a member of Carter Brothers. He married Grace Pillsbury in this city, Oct. 4, 1899.

He was a member of the Ancient Landmark Lodge of Masons and until recently of the Portland club. He was a member of the Williston Congregational church.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, F. Preston, Cape Elizabeth, and Richard T., Portland; two brothers, Dr. Philip A. Leavitt, Boston, and Henry F. Leavitt, New Haven, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Fred C. Graves, this city, and two grandchildren, Frank G. Leavitt, 2nd, and Carol, both of Portland.

Funeral services will be held at 749 Congress street, Portland, at 2 p. m. Saturday.

THE OLD SETTLER SAYS—

Stove stores or stove establishments as they were called when old-times were knee pants are scarce today. Lord and Linnell were engaged in the stove business in Saco years ago. Before their day T. L. Stevens was a stove dealer and tin-plate worker in Saco. The stoves of other days would look strange to the young folks of today. Stoves 85 years ago were Hathaway's patent Hot Air Union. Improved Union, Premium Rathbun, Air Tight, Rumstead parlor, Franklin and box stoves for heating churches, shops and school-houses. The old air tight was a favorite and was used in many homes. The old air tight threw out a lot of heat, and they could be bought at a reasonable price. Some people in the country districts still cling to the air tight, claiming that it is the best heater for its size ever made. Oil burners are being installed in many parlor stoves today.

Seen At Annual Flower Show Of Biddeford And Saco Garden Club



One of the last of the season's flower shows was the show sponsored Friday by the Biddeford and Saco Garden Club. Several groups caught by the cameraman are shown above. From left to right they are, Mrs. Clarence Percy, Mrs. Frank Whitehead, Mrs. Alice Hanscomb, and Miss Ruth M. Severance, standing by a table of annual flowers; Miss Dora Jordan, Mrs. Charles Scammon, Mrs. E. E. Blake and Mrs. R. Pierpont Jordan, near the exhibit of fruit and flowers; Mrs. Paul Woodman and Mrs. Ernest Harmon, looking at the flower arrangements in pottery containers. Mrs. Philip E. Graves, president of the garden club, was chairman of the show.

December 1, 1937



FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22, 1937.

JOSEPH POLAKEWICH DIED HERE TODAY



JOSEPH POLAKEWICH

Joseph Polakewich, prominent business figure in this city for many years, well-known throughout the state and held in high regard by many friends, died at 5:30 this morning at a local hospital, following an extended illness. His health had been impaired for several months.

News of the death of Mr. Polakewich was received with much sorrow by a large circle of friends here, particularly among members of his faith here, among whom he had been a leader for many years.

Mr. Polakewich came to this country from Gayeve, Poland, where he was born in 1865, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mordecai Polakewich. His age was 72 years,

six months and 13 days.

He was a prominent figure in business life of this city over a period of many years. Starting business with his brother, Lewis, as pack peddlers here under the name of Polakewich Bros., he followed this work for a few years and then dissolved partnership, Joseph going into men's wear and establishing the Joe the Clothier Co., which he conducted for years, and Lewis handling the ladies wear, establishing the Lewis Polakewich stores, the business houses being nearly opposite each other on Main street.

In late years, Mr. Polakewich had been active as president of the Casco Waist Co., Portland.

His wife was Sarah Goodkowsky, sister of Mrs. Minnie Simensky of this city and Joseph H. Goodkowsky of Old Orchard Beach.

Mr. Polakewich was formerly president of the Etz Chain synagogue in this city, and at the time of his death was president of Beth Israel synagogue at Old Orchard Beach. He was very active as a Zionist.

He was a life member of Portland lodge of Elks, the B'nai B'rith and the Maccabees, and in these orders took an active interest for many years.

Mr. Polakewich dealt extensively in junk for several years, dismantling much of the discarded machinery of the York and Pepperill mills, and at times carrying on quite extensive operations in scrap iron, handling tons of this material, which he sold to foundries.

Mr. Polakewich, after giving up the peddling business, opened the men's and boys' clothing store in Main street, which he developed into one of the largest stores of its kind in this section, known as Joe the Clothier store. He con-

tinued in this business for many years, his son taking it over when he retired several years ago.

A man of quiet disposition, although congenial and a good mixer, Mr. Polakewich was known to a large circle of friends locally and through the state and made a host of friends in business and in a social way. He was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

In business Mr. Polakewich enjoyed a splendid reputation for integrity and fair dealing and was considered one of the leading business men of the state.

He leaves four sons, Lewis, of this city, George of Los Angeles, Calif., William of Rochester, N. Y., and Dr. Isaac, Lieut-commander in the U. S. navy, stationed at California; two daughters, Mrs. Dora Hartman, of Haverhill, Mass., and Miss Emma, of this city. Four brothers, Hyman and David of this city, Lewis, of Tel Aviv, Palestine, Herman Polakewich, Hadira, Palestine; three sisters, Mrs. Celia Shaffer of Newark, N. J., Mrs. Rachael Rodman, New York city, Mrs. Citel Berger, Poland.

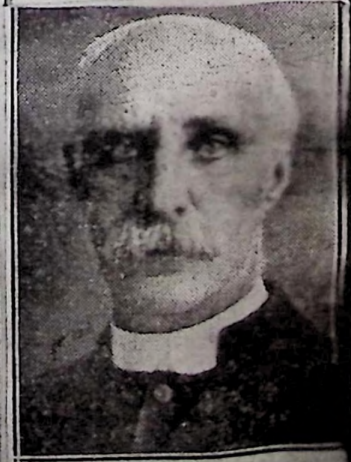
The body was taken to Portland at 11 o'clock this forenoon for burial in Mt. Sinai cemetery.



Judge Benjamin Cleaves



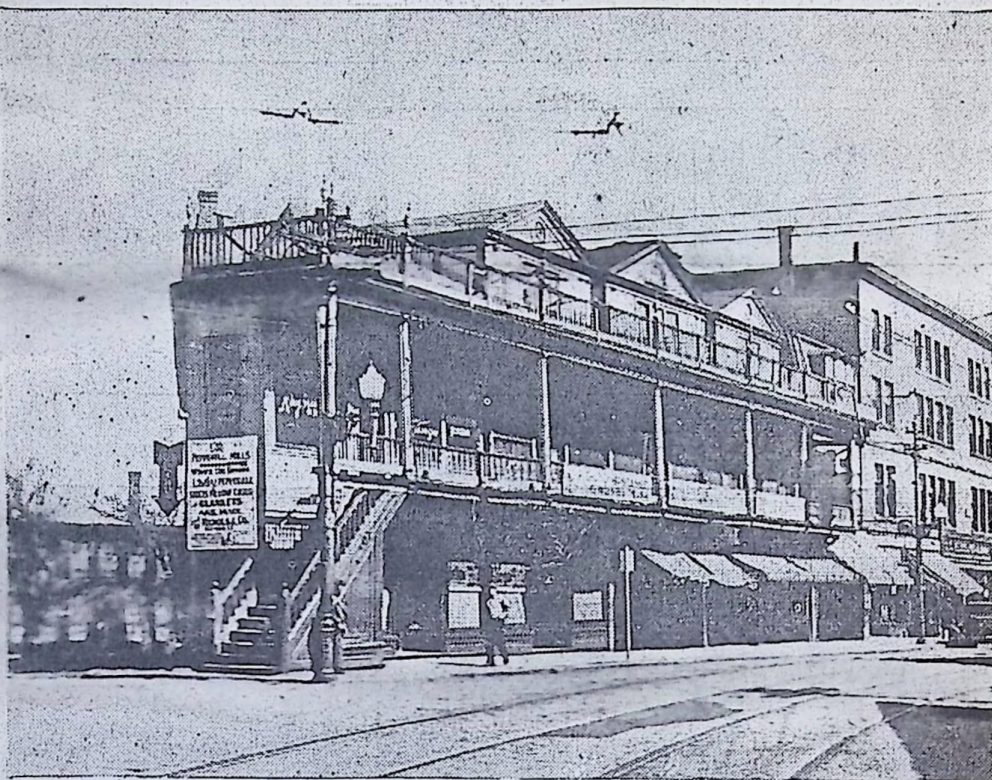
SETH M. HANSON



REV. CANON R. L. SLOGGETT
Rector of Trinity Church.

OCTOBER 9, 1937.

Familiar Landmark To Be All Dressed Up



Take a last look at the Crystal Arcade, one of the familiar landmarks of Biddeford, at the corner of Main and York streets, opposite Washington. Contractors started work yesterday to remodel the building to give it a more pretentious and modern appearance. Among the changes will be an entire new front. Offices will occupy the second floor of the structure after the renovations.

Biddeford Journal Photo

Can You Recall When Crystal Arcade Was Built?

Just when the Crystal Arcade was built has raised a controversy among some versed in our local history and particularly among the older residents. One resident said he knew it was there in '61 when he went to war. Another has a map of the city in the 60's which does not show the building.

Mrs. Joseph Murr, who is over 80 and born and brought up in this city, states that the building was built by Sweetser and Adams in the early 40's. She is a granddaughter of Mr. Sweetser, who was a prominent resident of this city.

OCTOBER 12, 1937.

ARCADE WAS STANDING 87 YEARS AGO

Daniel W. Knight, 35 Mt. Vernon street, well-known Civil War veteran, who is approaching his 93rd birth anniversary, visited the Journal office Monday. He was unable to fix the exact date of the erection of the Crystal Arcade at the corner of Main and York street, but said: "When I was six, going on seven, I remember that a building stood on the lot."

NOVEMBER 22, 1937.

J. J. SCOTT DIED SATURDAY

James J. Scott, former Saco alderman and for years master mechanic at the Garland Mfg. Co. plant in Saco, died late Saturday night in a local hospital. He was stricken a week ago tonight while attending a commandery meeting in Masonic hall in this city. His age was 71 years, eight months and nine days.

He was born at Saco, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Scott. He obtained his education in the Saco schools and when a young man learned the machinist trade. He secured employment with the Garland Manufacturing company where he later became master mechanic and continued to work until leaving the employ of the company a few years ago and went to work for the Saco-Lowell company where he was employed up to the time of being stricken ill. He served as a member of the Saco police department at one time. He was a member of Painchauds band of Biddeford for many years and in late years has served as leader of the Biddeford and Saco Masonic band. He was Republican in politics and was active in the affairs of that party for many years.

Besides his widow, Bertha M. Scott, he leaves an adopted son, James H. Scott; four brothers, Edward, John, Samuel and William Scott of Saco; a sister, Mrs. Bertha M. Wood, of Durham, N. C.; two grandchildren, Earl Center and Mrs. Phyllis Potter of Biddeford, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon.

OCTOBER 1, 1937.

WELL-KNOWN SACO WOMAN DIED TODAY

Miss Elizabeth Rice, a life-long resident of Saco, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Underwood, 70 Middle street, Saco, this morning. While she had not enjoyed the best of health for some time, her last sickness was less than 24 hours duration.

She was born in Saco, 82 years ago, the daughter of the late Henry J. and Melinda B. Rice. She was educated in the public schools of that city. For the past 3 1-2 years she had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Underwood.

She was held in high esteem by many old-time friends and they will learn with sorrow of her passing. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Sidney Barnstead, of Saco, and a cousin, Ricardo Rice, of Washington, D. C.

The funeral will be held at 70 Middle street, Saco, at 2 p. m., Sunday and burial will be in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 1937.

RICE ESTATE LEFT TO SACO CEMETERY

By the terms of her will, filed for notice at the October term of probate court, Elizabeth Rice, who died at Saco Oct. 1, names the Laurel Hill Cemetery association, Saco, residuary legatee of her estate, after disposing of two pieces of real estate of nominal value. Her estate is expected to exceed \$100,000.

The will was presented by Homer T. Waterhouse, of the firm of Waterhouse, Titcomb and Siddall, and names the petitioner executor. Terms of the will follow:

To Dwight B. Underwood and Lillian B. Underwood, Saco, lot of land and buildings thereon in which they are making their home and located on Middle street in that city.

To Elizabeth and Margaret Mowat of Saco, lot of land with one-half of the buildings thereon, where they now live and which is located on Middle street, Saco.

To Laurel Hill Cemetery asso-

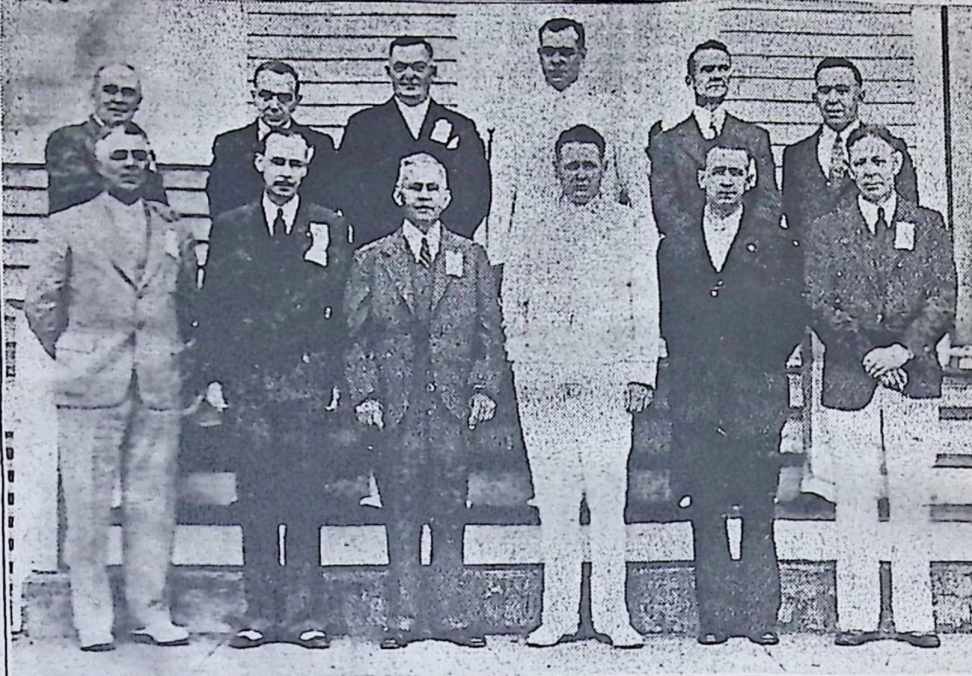
ciation, \$1,000 in trust, the income to be used in care and up keep of the Henry J. Rice burial lot in said cemetery.

The same association is then made residuary legatee, in trust, for creation of a fund to be known as the Henry J. Rice and Frank C. Rice fund. It is provided that the fund thus created shall be invested and the income used annually "for the upkeep of said cemetery and its adornment and beautification, so that it may forever remain a place of beauty."

A further paragraph also provides that the Henry J. Rice homestead in Saco shall go to the Cemetery association as a home for the superintendent. It is further provided that it shall never be sold for commercial purposes.

The will is dated Feb. 28, 1933, and witnessed by Willis T. Emmons, Harriet C. Quinby, and Harry C. Quinby.

Miss Rice was the last member of an old and wealthy Saco family. A maiden sister, with whom she lived, died some years ago.



Prominent York County Republicans and guests at the dinner sponsored by the Landon-Barrows Club No. 1 of Old Orchard Beach Thursday evening.

Below in the front row, left to right, are Joseph E. Harvey, Saco; County Attorney Walter M. Tapley, Jr., Portland; E. L. Harmon, former postmaster of Biddeford; R. H. Armstrong of Biddeford, assistant attorney general; A. J. Lesieur, Biddeford, and P. E. Chadbourne, Saco, president of the Republican Club of Saco.

In the back row are H. T. Waterhouse, Kennebunk; Montague Young, Old Orchard Beach, candidate for the Maine House of Representatives; N. B. Ilsley, Old Orchard Beach; L. P. LaFountain, Biddeford; Samuel L. Browne, president of Landon-Barrows Club No. 1 of Old Orchard Beach; and Carl H. Davis, publicity director of the Landon-Barrows Club of Maine.

FOUR GENERATIONS AT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



JANUARY 8, 1938.

Four generations of the Kennedy family attended the observance in Saco of the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy.

Those in the group, from left to right, are: David Kennedy, father; Erwin Kennedy, a grandson; John A. Kennedy, a son, and John David Kennedy, great-grandson.

JANUARY 24, 1938.

Mrs. R. M. Tapley Died Suddenly

Mrs. Martha G. Tapley, wife of Robert M. Tapley, a life-long resident of this city, died suddenly Saturday forenoon at her home, 58 Graham street.

She was a native of this city, the daughter of G. Willett and Georgia Haines Andrews. She received her education in the local public schools and Biddeford high. She was a member of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Evangeline lodge of Rebekahs and the Foss Street Methodist Episcopal church.

In the passing of Mrs. Tapley the community has lost a good neighbor and friend. She was ever ready to do her part and will be greatly missed. For some time she had not enjoyed the best of health and her friends and neighbors were pained to hear of her passing.

Besides her husband, she leaves two brothers, Howard Andrews of Springfield, Mass., and William Andrews of Hartford, Conn.; three sisters, Mrs. Clarabelle Duncan of Kittery, Miss Hazel Andrews of Biddeford and Mrs. Howard Norton of Springfield, Mass.

Funeral services, which will be private, will be held at the home, 58 Graham street, at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

Friends may call between the hours of 11:30 and 1 o'clock tomorrow.

FEBRUARY 17, 1939.

Former Resident of This City Is Dead in Cleveland

Relatives in this city were notified of the death this morning in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital of Sally, wife of Edward E. Stoneman of Cleveland.

Mrs. Stoneman was born in Biddeford Feb. 22, 1873, daughter of Francis C. and Sarah (Lewis) Gordon at the Pool road home, which was hers till her marriage in 1927 to Edward E. Stoneman, Cleveland building contractor. Had she lived until Feb. 22 she would have completed her 66th year. Educated in the Biddeford schools, graduated in the '91 class at Biddeford High school, she was employed by N. W. Kendall and then for a number of years as school teacher in the Morrill and Sullivan street schools. She was also a singer of local note, being possessed of a sweet alto voice. Her interest in the people of this city was not lessened by her change of residence and she looked forward to her annual visit and the renewal of old friendships.

Services will be held at the Den-nett and Craig funeral home, Saco, on arrival of the body and interment will be in the family lot at Greenwood cemetery. Relatives



Prominent members of the York County Wheelmen's Association attending the Tuesday meeting at the Moulton House, Dunstan. Upper left, left to right, A. M. Seavey, president; C. L. Batchelder, secretary; F. C. Deering, honorary president; and R. A. Fairfield, all of Saco. Upper right, F. P. Abbott and F. P. Graves of Saco. Lower, W. F. Goodwin, M. Everett; Ridlon and Justus B. Cobb, all of Saco, and Howard B. Whitehead of Biddeford Pool.

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
 Scarborough, Sept. 7—Reminiscing of the days when men were men and "dast" ride one of the perilous old high-wheel bikes down the steepest hills with feet thrown nonchalantly up over the handle bars, and of the time when the present low-cut machines first came in style, half a hundred members of the York County Wheelmen's Association gathered at the Moulton House tonight for their annual reunion.

Guests of Frank C. Deering of Saco, honorary president, the wheelmen—though most of 'em now use four wheels instead of two and let the Rockefellers and other gas magnates do the pedaling—had one of the most enjoyable get-togethers in the history of the organization, and there have been some mighty good times in the long period.

Those attending were: F. C. Deering, honorary president; A. M. Seavey, president; C. L. Batchelder, secretary; R. A. Fairfield, F. P. Abbott, F. P. Graves, Walter J. Gilpatrick, Ralph H. Burbank, Justus B. Cobb, William A. Gilman, Joseph B. Dow, Harold L. Emmons, Herbert A. Jose, Arthur W. Andrews, Parker B. Smith, Harold L. Emmons, Herbert A. Jose, Arthur W. Andrews, Parker B. Smith, M. Everett Ridlon, W. F. Goodwin, Herbert W. Ayer, Walter L. Ayer, George D. Buck, John P. Deering, W. W. McIntyre, H. P. Chadbourne, Fred W. Sawyer, Ralph H. Merrow, Percy S. Davis, John G. Lawrence and James L. Burnham, all of Saco.

Thomas L. Evans, Howard M. Jones, C. Wilson Place, Daniel E. Owen, Willard F. Murphy and John P. Dean, all of Biddeford; George H. Piper of Kittery, Joseph Etchells of Mount Dora, Fla., William B. Goodwin of New York City, Samuel Parker of Exeter, N. H., Frank

S. Maxcy of Gardiner, A. L. T. Cummings, B. P. Cleaves, F. H. Deering and N. D. Colcord, all of Portland, Howard R. Whitehead of Biddeford Pool, William H. Bryant of Foxboro, Mass., George A. Haley of Watertown, Mass., William R. Cutter of Limington, W. H. Foss of Providence, R. I., and Leon F. Quimby of Reading, Mass.

Mr. Seavey was toastmaster and the speakers included Mr. Foss, Mr. Haley, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Colcord, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Cutter, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Gilpatrick, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Owen, Mr. Stickney, Mr. Deering, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Maxcey, Mr. Ayer and Mr. Etchells.

The average age of the company was 66 years and two months, and three charter members present were Mr. Fairfield, who is 86, Mr. Owen and Mr. Cummings.

NOVEMBER 24, 1937.

R. M. McKenney Died Thursday

Richard M. McKenney, well-known Saco resident, for over 50 years connected with the D. F. Littlefield business in Saco, died yesterday at a local hospital. His age was 85 years and nine months.

He was born in Standish, the son of David and Susan Berry McKenney, and was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity.

His wife was Juliette M. Littlefield, who died in 1934.

He leaves two nieces, Mrs. Charles Peck of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Susan E. McKenney, of Saco, with whom he made his home.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock, at the home, 54 Beach street, Saco.

OCTOBER 28, 1937.

JOSEPH STRIDE DIED TODAY

Conducted a Grocery Store Here for Past 45 Years

Joseph Stride, believed to have been the oldest active grocer and business man on Main street, a resident here for the past 70 years and conducting his own business for past 45 years, died this morning at his home, 104 Graham street, following a long illness. His age was 75 years, 9 months and 8 days.

Mr. Stride was born in St. Simon, P. Q., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Stride.

When a young man, he was employed by Carter & Pillsbury, later entering business as a partner in the Irish and Stride grocery firm, and in 1893 he became proprietor of his own store, under the firm name of Joseph Stride & Co. For many years, his business was located at the corner of Main and Elm streets. When the building in which his store was located at Harmons Corner was torn down, he moved to Masonic building, where he has since been located.

Mr. Stride, an expert buyer and cutter of meats, built up an excellent reputation for quality of goods handled at his store and enjoyed unusual success in the business. Although never active in public affairs or politics, his interests outside his home being practically entirely centered in his business, Mr. Stride, nevertheless, made a host of friends in the city and throughout this section through his business dealings, and was held in high esteem.

He was a member of Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city.

Mr. Stride leaves one son, J. Burton Stride, of this city; a granddaughter, Elaine Stride; a grandson, Richard J. Stride, all of this city; a brother, James Stride, of Northbridge, Mass., and two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on Graham street.

MRS. SUSAN YOULAND DIED EARLY TODAY

Mrs. Susan F. Youland, widow of William E. Youland, for years a local merchant, well-known resident of this city and prominent for years locally and through the state in patriotic orders and club circles, died today at her home 8½ Union street, following a long illness. Her age was 78 years.

Mrs. Youland was born in Weston, Mass., daughter of Jonathan and Eliza Hanscom Keer.

She leaves one son, Dr. William E. Youland of New York city, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Youland Bryan of Henderson, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. Eliza Wright, of this city; one brother, Ammi C. Keer, of Lewiston.

Mrs. Youland was one of the oldest members of Adah chapter, Eastern Star, a Past Matron and member of the Past Matron's association, a member of U. S. Grant W. R. C., and one of the oldest Past Regents in Maine, first president of the Maine region and first state regent of the Daughters of American Revolution, and one of the oldest members of the Thursday club, a charter member of that organization.

In all these organizations she was active for years, serving in several capacities as an officer in

Her contributions of work in interests of several organizations have been bright chapters in the history of these groups and her advice and interest will be greatly missed. She continued her active interest in many of these organizations up to recent years, an interest that was much appreciated by members of the various groups.

Mrs. Youland was a prominent figure in work of the Baptist church here for years.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Jefferson street United Baptist church.

NOVEMBER 22, 1937.

WELL-KNOWN SACO MAN DEAD

James A. Fenderson, Jeweller, Died Early Today

James A. Fenderson, life-long resident of Saco, engaged in the jewelry business in Deering block, Saco, and for 17 years associated with his father, James H. Fenderson, in the jewelry business on Main street in this city, died early this morning at a local hospital, following a short illness. His age was 46 years, 6 months and 21 days.

Mr. Fenderson was born in Saco, the son of James H. and Ada Kennard Fenderson. He was educated in the Saco schools and at Thornton academy and later entered the business of his father in this city.

He was a member of the Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club and since organization of this service club took an active part in the work of that organization. In several projects conducted under Kiwanis club auspices he had been a moving figure and did much valuable work for the club.

Mr. Fenderson was a young man of particularly jovial disposition and had a host of friends in this city and Saco by whom he was held in high esteem. Besides his Kiwanis activities he had been active in other circles serving on committees for civic projects and in other work for both cities.

Shortly after his store was closed in this city and his Saco store made ready for occupancy, Mr. Fenderson was taken ill and had been restricted to his home until last week when he was taken to the hospital.

He leaves his father; two daughters, Marjorie and Sybil, both of Providence, R. I.; two brothers, Charles K. of Saco and Lloyd B. of Brookline, Mass.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1937.

WHEELMEN MET AT ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual reunion of the York County Wheelmen's association was held at the Moulton House, in Scarborough, last evening, and like its predecessors proved an occasion of much enjoyment to the 50 members of that organization, who gathered to talk over the happy days of long ago when high wheels were in vogue and the members on holidays and pleasant Sundays gathered at the club rooms in this city for a club run to some resort.

Guests of Frank C. Deering of Saco, honorary president, the members last night passed one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the club, which was organized in the kitchen of R. A. Fairfield, in Saco, many years ago. The club grew and flourished like a green bay tree until it became one of the largest in the state.

The toastmaster was A. M. Seavey, the president. The speakers included Mr. Foss, Mr. Haley, Mr. Colcord, Mr. McIntire, Mr. Gilpatrick, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Owen, Mr. Stickney, Mr. Deering, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Maxey, Mr. Ayer and Mr. Etchells.

The average age of those present was 66 years and two months, and the three charter members were; Mr. Fairfield, who is 86, Mr. Owen and Mr. Cummings.

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November 21, 1937



Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves



MRS. SUSAN F. YOULAND.

the various groups and giving much time to the club interests. She was particularly interested in the patriotic societies, devoting much time and in many ways assisting in their activities.

She was also one of the oldest members of the Jefferson Street Baptist church of this city.

Mrs. Youland was a woman of unusually pleasing personality, an excellent hostess and took a great interest in the large circle of friends she made in this city, not only among the organizations in which she was active. She was ready at all times to assist in any way possible in civic and church projects.

On many occasions Mrs. Youland offered the facilities of her spacious home on Union street for club activities and assisted in other ways society projects.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 1937.

HARRY C. QUINBY, SACO UNDERTAKER, DEAD

Not in a long time has the passing of a Saco citizen caused more genuine sorrow than that of Harry C. Quinby, 71, funeral director in Saco for 35 years, a charter member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club and prominent in Masonic circles in the two cities for years, who died at his home, 45 Middle street, Saco, this forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Quinby was stricken with a shock a year ago last April, since which time he had been gradually failing, although for a while he was able to walk down-town, and until recently was able to get around the house. A week ago last Sunday he suffered another ill-tum, since which time he had been confined to his bed and friends realized that he could not long survive.

Mr. Quinby was born in Saco August 30, 1866, the son of the late John and Henrietta C. Quinby. His education was obtained in the Saco public schools. At the age of 17 he left school on account of his father's health to take over the coal business in which his father had been engaged for years.

In 1902 Mr. Quinby became a funeral director in Saco, and in 1930 established the funeral home at 29 School street, Saco.

Mr. Quinby was a member of Saco lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M.; York Royal Arch chapter, No. 5; Maine council, No. 7, R. & S. M.; Annette chapter, No. 184, Eastern Star, and Bradford Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar. He was the oldest living past master of Saco Masonic lodge, and past high priest of Royal Arch chapter.

He was a charter member of the York County Wheelman, one of the most active members of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club, organized in 1920, as long as his health permitted and its secretary for 15 years. He was a very active member of the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church, had served in several offices and was treasurer for a long time. He was an officer for years of the Wardwell Home association and was deeply interested in the institution. He had been an active member of the Maine Funeral Directors association, serving at times as treasurer and sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Quinby will be greatly missed by his hundreds of friends in all walks of life in this part of the country. He was one of the most genial and companionable of men. His good humor was abounding and wherever he went he made friends. He will be missed by the members of the Rotary club of which he was a charter member and had served as secretary until he was stricken with a shock and unable to perform the duties. He seldom was absent from a meeting. It had been hoped by club members that he would regain his health sufficiently to come to some of the meetings, but of late they have realized that he would not be able to do so. For his kindly companionship and his loyalty to the club he will always be remembered.

The news of his death was learned with keenest regret by the surviving members of the York County Wheelman's association. He never missed a session of the organization as long as he was

WIDELY KNOWN



HARRY C. QUINBY.

permitted. He was one of the first members of the club, which came into existence on the evening of Sept. 4, 1883, in the kitchen of the home of R. A. Fairfield in Saco, where half-a-dozen riders of high wheels met and organized the York County Wheelmen.

By the death of Mr. Quinby the municipality is bereft of a citizen of sterling character, the type every city prizes most highly, and no city can lose without feeling the loss keenly. His demise brings about a vacancy in the city, where he passed his entire life, which will be hard to fill. He was a public-spirited man with a kind and sympathetic heart, and best of all, he was a citizen of strictest honesty, whose integrity was never questioned.

Since he attained his majority he had been much interested in everything that had to do with the betterment and the building up of the city in which he was born, reared and educated, and the conscientious and efficient manner in which he performed every duty whether as a member of the Rotary club, Masonic circles or as a member of a civic committee, won for him the esteem of all. For long years he was interested in the Wardwell home and served as an officer of the association for a long period.

Although he never sought or held a public office, he was patriotic and public-spirited to an unusual degree, and was ever ready to lend a hand in any activity that would prove of benefit to his fellowmen.

His first wife was Miss Bertha Weymouth, who died in 1915. In January, 1924, he married Harriet C. Emery, who survives him. Other survivors are a step-son, Richard A. Harwood, of Saco, and

two cousins, Mrs. Belle Perkins and Rufus Perkins of Old Orchard Beach.

Mr. Quinby's body will lie in state in his funeral home, 29 School street, Saco, until Friday at 2.30 p. m., when services will be held in the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church. Bearers will be from the various Masonic bodies, the Rotary club and the Unitarian church.

SERVICES HELD FRIDAY FOR H. C. QUINBY

The funeral of Harry C. Quinby of Saco, a funeral director in that city for 35 years, and prominent in Masonic and Rotary circles, who died at his home in that city Tuesday, was held in the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church yesterday afternoon at 2.30. The body lay in state at the Quinby funeral home, 29 School street, until early yesterday afternoon, when it was taken to the church, where the impressive service was held.

No more eloquent and appreciative tribute of the griefed friendship of a whole community could be paid the memory of a citizen than was attested by the large number who attended the obsequies. The audience room was filled to capacity with citizens in all walks of life. There were representatives of the various Masonic bodies of which the deceased had long been affiliated, a delegation from the Biddeford & Saco Rotary club, of which Mr. Quinby was a charter member, a delegation from Richard C. Owen post, also representatives of the Maine Funeral Directors association and the Mutual Fire Insurance company. The ushers were Dr. Paul L. Willson and Henry Owen.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. Ward R. Clarke, pastor of the Second Parish church, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Quinby, who had been a member of the church for many years, and one of its most active workers.

There was a magnificent display of floral emblems, the largest seen at a funeral in Saco for a long time, attesting to the high esteem in which the funeral director was held by his fellowmen.

The bearers were Dr. Edgar H. Minot and Adney J. Fenderson, representing the Second Parish church; Harry S. Sawyer and Judge Clayton Hewes, Saco lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M.; Carl Parcher and James W. Wood, the Rotary club; George A. Nutter, the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Irving Rich of Portland, Maine Funeral Directors association.

The burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1931.

EDWARD KELLY DEAD IN SACO

Edward Kelly, well-known resident of Saco, died today at the Saco Retreat. His age was 75 years. He was a carriage painter by trade. He is survived by one sister, Martha. Funeral services will be held at 2.30 Monday at the Quinby funeral parlors.

MAY 12, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

It's a safe bet that not half-a-hundred people in Saco are aware that the so-called Woodman house, on Main street, now the parochial residence of Most Holy Trinity parish, is one of the oldest buildings in the city and was patterned after a house in England. The exact date when the mansion was built is not known by anyone questioned today. For years it was the home of the late Horace Woodman, one of Saco's most widely-known and prominent citizens. He was connected with the local gas company and later with the first water company, that brought water into the compact part of the city in wooden pipes from an artificial pond in the vicinity of what is now North-East Park. The builder of the house was Cyrus King, and as before stated was designed after one that took his fancy while he was serving as secretary of Rufus King, United States envoy to Great Britain. Rufus King, whose home was New York, was first appointed U. S. envoy to Great Britain in 1796, by George Washington, the first president and he also served as envoy during the administrations of President Thomas Jefferson, and President John Quincy Adams. He held the important position for nearly 30 years. His brother, Cyrus of Saco died in 1917, so the house must have been built before that time. Perhaps some of the readers of the Old Settler's column may be able to furnish the date the dwelling was built.

MARCH 19, 1932.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Remember Jotham Perkins, of No. 2 Chadwick place, this city, who had one time a small chop at Harmens corner, not far from his home. He was widely known in this city. He was a man of small build, like his son, the late Walter Perkins, who attained much fame as a comedian. Walter, who was known by hundreds in the two cities, learned telegraphy after he finished his education and followed that profession for a few years before he became an actor. An aged resident of Biddeford remembers meeting Jotham Perkins standing on a pile of wood alongside the tracks of the Biddeford station of the old P. S. & P. railroad the day the Prince of Wales passed through this city on his way to Portland.

From this vantage point, Mr. Perkins and a number of other citizens were able to get a good view of his royal highness as the train, decorated with flags, sped by at a high rate of speed in those days, fully 25 miles an hour, according to the Biddeford man. The large number of Biddeford men and women, who assembled at the railroad station, cheered as the train passed by, though it is doubtful if the prince heard them.

L. SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1937.

JUDGE EMMONS TOOK HIS LIFE FRIDAY

Former Mayor Willis T. Emmons of Saco, one of the oldest members of the York bar, and widely known in political circles for nearly half a century, who had held many county and city offices since he was admitted to practice of law 38 years ago, and had also been deputy collector and collector of the port of Portland, was found dead at 1.30 p. m. at the residence of his son, Dr. Harold L. Emmons, of 62 Spring street, Saco, where he made his home during the spring, fall and winter months.

It was not until nearly two hours later that it became known around town that he was dead, and at first people refused to believe that the report was true, for many had seen him on Main street during the forenoon and at noon.

Mr. Emmons was found dead in his room by his son, Dr. Emmons. Dr. Carl G. Dennett was called and about 1.41 Dr. George R. Love, medical examiner of York county, was summoned to the Emmons residence. Later he stated that former Mayor Emmons had ended his life by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. People were shocked when it became generally known last evening that Mr. Emmons had taken his own life.

Mr. Emmons had been somewhat despondent for some time because of the condition of his health, and also that his eyesight was failing, and it was feared that he might lose his sight entirely. He went to Boston not long ago for an examination of his eyes by a specialist. His friends had noticed for some time that he seemed depressed. Yesterday forenoon, however, he seemed to be in better spirits than for some time.

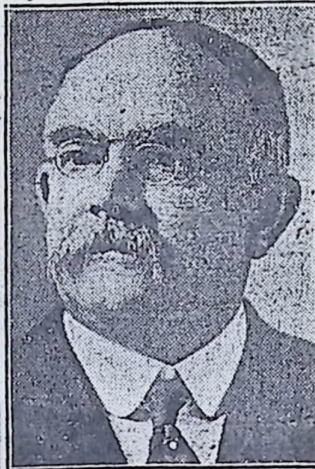
He was in his son's office yesterday morning, their offices both being in Masonic building, and went to his own office shortly after 9 o'clock. It was customary for the judge to ride home with his son every noon to dinner. Dr. Emmons had a busy forenoon and it was nearly 1 o'clock when he was ready to go to dinner. He went to the office of his father and when he found he was not there decided that he was in the bank. When the doctor learned that his father was not there he supposed that he had become tired of waiting for him and had either walked or got a ride home.

When Dr. Emmons reached home he found his father's cane, coat and hat in the hall and he went to the room of his father to see how he was feeling. He was shocked when he found him dead on the floor.

Judge Emmons was born in this city Dec. 27, 1859, the son of the late Leonard and Sophie Tripp Emmons.

He moved to Saco with his parents when quite young, where he received his education in the public schools. When a young man he read law in the office of Burbank and Derby in Saco. He was an apt student, appeared to be particularly fitted for his chosen profession and was admitted to

WIDELY KNOWN



EX-MAYOR WILLIS T. EMMONS

The York bar in 1879. He opened a law office in Saco, and in January, 1883, was appointed to the judgeship of the Saco municipal court. The first municipal office he ever held was that of city auditor in 1882, during the administration of the late, ex-Mayor George F. Owen. He served as alderman in 1886. In 1887 he was elected mayor of Saco, and in 1888 and 1889, was reelected, almost unanimously, the Democrats having no candidate in the field. He succeeded Samuel Chase as chairman of the Republican city committee in Saco in 1880, and served many years in that capacity. For years he was a member of the Republican county committee. Later he was a member of the Republican state committee. At one time he was a member of all three committees. He was appointed judge of the Saco municipal court a second time, and in October, 1890, resigned to accept the federal position of deputy collector of customs of the port of Portland, at the time Col. Fred N. Dow was collector. He was clerk of courts from 1900 to 1912, resigning in March of the latter year to become collector of the port of Portland, which office he held until 1916. He served as mayor again in 1923 and 1929.

He was appointed judge of the municipal court early in December, 1932, and began his duties Dec. 19, serving until December, last year, when his four-year term expired.

Judge Emmons was for eight years a member of the Republican county committee. He acted as secretary for two years, treasurer two years and was chairman for five years.

He was not only prominent in political circles but in fraternal circles. He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., of the council, Chapter Bradford Commandery, K. T. and the Shrine. He was the oldest living past commander of Bradford Commandery. He was a

member of Saco lodge, I. O. O. F., was Past Noble Grand, and one of the oldest members. He was a member of the York Bar association. Judge Emmons probably had as wide an acquaintance in political and legal circles as any man in York county and was well known in political circles throughout the state.

Hundreds of friends throughout the county were shocked to learn of the passing of Judge Emmons. He was well-known in the law and for years or until his eyesight began to fail he had a large practice. He was a faithful, efficient and painstaking public servant and nothing better can be said of any man than that.

Not only was he a courteous gentleman but he was always true with everyone with whom he came in contact. He had always been

known for his sterling qualities, his straight-forwardness, and his square business dealings. He was the possessor of a strong, sturdy character and was ever earnest and positive in his convictions. His fearless stand for the right, wherever he found it was the essential moral fiber of this man and lawyer. He was quiet in manner, but clearheaded, decisive in action and methodical in his habits and he filled the numerous public offices with an efficiency that won commendation from members of both political parties.

He leaves besides his son, Dr. Emmons, three grandsons, four granddaughters and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, at 2 p. m., at his late home, 62 Spring street, Saco.

JULY 6, 1931.

BURTON BEAN, FIRE VICTIM, DIED TODAY

Had Been in Critical Condition Since Laundry Fire.

Burton Bean, one of the owners of the Chapman Laundry, Inc., who received terrible burns a week ago Saturday morning when Mrs. Bean was burned to death, three firemen and one patrolman burned and the building totally destroyed, died at 2.30 this afternoon at the Webber hospital where he was taken after he had jumped from the second story of the building. When he was taken to the hospital he was placed on the danger list and little hope was given of his recovery. Recently pneumonia developed and for 48 hours his death had been expected. It was thought doubtful if he lived through last night. He had suffered much pain since taken to the hospital.

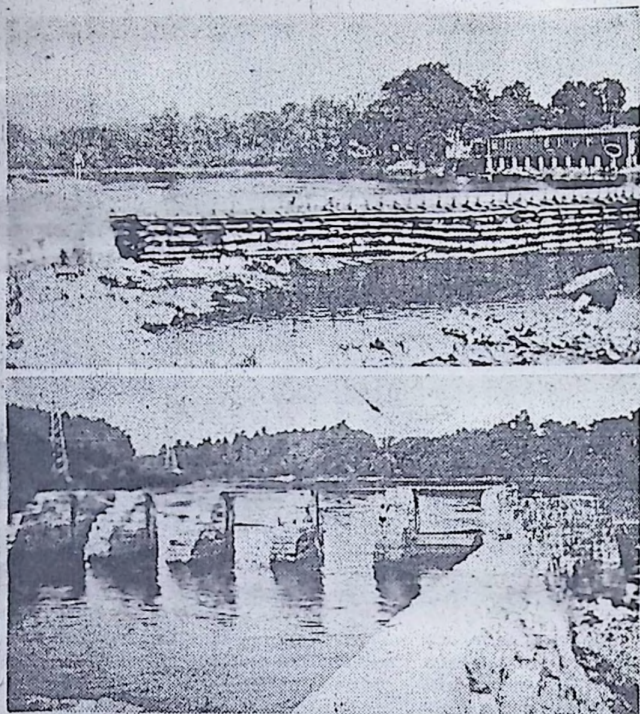
Mr. Bean was born and educated in Saco. When a young man he was employed as driver by the American Express company in the two cities. Later he engaged in the laundry business in Maine and ran a laundry in Rumford. From Rumford he went to Boston and two years ago came to Saco where he took over the Chapman laundry. He was engaged in business with Ralph Bean. He was well known by hundreds of people in the two cities.

Portland, Maine—October 31, 1937



By Staff Photographer
Some of the prize winners at the first annual horse show of the Shadagee Riding Club in Saco Saturday. Top, left, First Choice, owned by Clarence Bartlett of Brunswick, with Helen I. Dyer of Brunswick, fourth in horsemanship. Top, center, Marilyn Court of Portland, who won in the class for 12 years and under, on Capt. Cason. Top, right, Mary Wood Bosworth, Portland, winner in the class over 18. Bottom, Dorothy Nutter of Saco, outstanding local rider of the afternoon, winner of third prize in horsemanship and fourth in the class over 14.2 and under 15.2.

Low Water In Saco River Reveals Old Wooden Dam At Bar Mills



Above: Ancient wooden dam exposed during low water while new bridge is being constructed.

Below: Old granite construction work revealed by low water.

Special Despatch to Sunday Telegram
Bar Mills, Oct. 23—When it is necessary to have the river at low water for work on the new bridge under construction here some very old and interesting wood and stone work is exposed on the upper side of the temporary bridge.

There is first of all the ancient log dam that the York County Atlas printed in 1872, speaks of as "the old

wooden dam occupying the head of the falls," in enumerating the water powers on the Saco that lie in the town of Hollis. Evidently its age was not definitely known even then and its appearance is anything to go by the great logs fitted in lengthwise between others placed in the opposite direction, which have been holding back the water of the Saco more years than any one now living can recall.

Whether or not the massive wall of granite blocks and the row of piers of the same construction at the left of the dam is of the same period, there is no way of telling, but presumably the whole thing was built in the days when, there was, to quote the old atlas again, "a total power at low water of 540 horse-power during 24 hours."

Bar Mills Falls was so named because a bar of rock extends across the Saco at this point. The other powers were the falls at Bonny Eagle, Moderation, and the Salmon Falls and all had grist, plaster, shingle, sugar-bush shooks and woolen mills, some at one place and some at another.

Today the Rogers Fibre Company (uses power developed by the Bar Mills falls) on the east side of the river, but most of the Saco's energy is used in making electric power for York and Cumberland Counties, the high power lines extending along the west bank for a considerable distance as shown in the photograph.

When the water is low the pool formed within the granite wall and abutments and the granite wall

swimming-hole that Hollis and Buxton boys consider perfection as they climb the piers for a plunge into the clear, cold depths.

JANUARY 4, 1938.

PROMINENT SACO RESIDENT

**Mrs. Lilla Moses Died
Last Night in
This City**

Mrs. Lilla J. Moses, prominent Saco resident, widow of Charles Moses, for many years collector of customs at the port of Portland, an active figure in the social life of this city and Saco for years, died last night at a local hospital. Her age was 85 years, nine months and 11 days.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of William H. and Frances (McKenney) Deering.

Although a resident of Saco, she was graduated from the old Biddeford high school, class of 1869. She was one of seven seniors from Thornton, who received permission to come to Biddeford high when the old Saco high school was no longer fit for use and Thornton academy had not been made ready for opening, and one of the three of this seven to be graduated from Biddeford high.

In a history of the old high school Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason

wrote of Mrs. Moses:

"Lilla Deering was a brilliant girl. At the age of 10 she was a paid contributor to Godey's and Waverly magazines, and she turned her talents to the benefit of the school. We were sadly lacking in books of interest in our little library. She wrote a play entitled 'The Orphans Trail.'"

"Joe Addition had already made his reputation as an amateur actor and manager and he took charge and produced it to the enjoyment of a large audience. The class at once bought a large number of new books and made the little room seem better suited to its name."

Mrs. Moses was prominently identified with local organizations in a social way for years and active in many circles, a leader in many of the activities with which she was identified. She was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this city and Saco.

She was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco, and for years was active in affairs of this parish.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Sheldon S. Hutchins of Saco, a sister, Mrs. Myra Chapin of Saco, and one grandson, Dr. Paul S. Hill, Jr., of Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

3, MAY 5, 1938.

Well-Known Saco Woman Died Wednesday

Mrs. Edith Pew Garland, widow of Harry Parsons Garland, well-known Saco resident, died Wednesday night after a long illness. Her age was 75 years, seven months and 28 days.

She was born in Rochester, Mass., and was married to Mr. Garland December 1, 1884.

For years Mrs. Garland was active in the First Parish Congregational church, Saco. She was a member of the Colonial Dames, and active in that organization for several years. She was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Garland leaves a daughter, Mrs. W. G. McKee of Pittsburgh, Pa., three sons, Lawrence S., James P. and Charles F. Garland, all of Saco; two sisters, Mrs. D. A. Somes and Mrs. W. T. Locke, both of Winchester, Mass., a brother, Harry G. Pew, Rochester, Mass., and six grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held at the home in Saco at 11 o'clock Friday forenoon.

JANUARY 17, 1938.

WELL-KNOWN PIANIST DEAD

**Miss Mary Sawyer
Was Ill Only a
Few Days**

Miss Mary Sawyer, a life-long resident of this city and well-known in musical circles, teacher of the piano here and for several years prominent in the Rossini club of Portland, died early last night after a brief illness. News of her death came as a severe

shock to many friend in this city and vicinity, as few had been aware of her illness.

Miss Sawyer was born in this city, daughter of Charles H. and Mary (Lowell) Sawyer. Her age was 57 years, 19 months and 15 days. She was educated in the local schools and was graduated from the high school. For several years she was active with the alumni of the local high school.

In addition to her great natural talent, Miss Sawyer studied with the best instructors available, among them Albion Metcalf of Boston, noted pianist, and she appeared several times in recitals conducted by this pianist for his pupils. She had recently been preparing to participate in another recital for this instructor in a few weeks.

Miss Sawyer was generous with her remarkable talents, playing many times for concerts in the interest of charity and civic projects, and many times at the Biddeford High School Alumni gatherings and on programmes of that nature, giving much of her time to these contributions. She possessed a remarkable personality in addition to her wonderful musical talents, and had a host of friends by whom she was held in high esteem.

She taught the piano here for 30 years, attaining much success in this profession, numbering among those instructed many of the well-known piano artists of this section. Her unusual talent attracted much attention in musical circles and her services were much in demand for concert work.

For several years Miss Sawyer conducted an orchestra at the Methodist church.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Charles H. Innes and Mrs. Adney J. Fenderson, both of Saco, and a brother, Fred W. Sawyer, retired Saco druggist.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home, 79 Hill street.

JUNE 22, 1931.

Aaron R. Sweetser Died Sunday at Home in Saco

Aaron R. Sweetser, a resident of Saco for 70 years, died Sunday afternoon at his home, 248 Lincoln street, Saco, following an extended illness. His age was 75 years, 8 months and 14 days. Mr. Sweetser was a carpenter by trade. He had served as street commissioner and deputy marshal of the police department.

He was born in Buxton, the son of James and Almada (Nason) Sweetser. For years he was active in a political way in Saco. He was one of the oldest members of Mavoshen lodge, No. 1, K. of P., and was also a past chancellor of the organization.

Mr. Sweetser is survived by his widow and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth M. Sweetser of Saco and Mrs. Harold Powers of Watbury, Vt., also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home on Lincoln street, Saco. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

MAY 28-1936.

G. W. CHAPPELL, SACO RESIDENT, DIED LAST NIGHT

George Willett Chappell, resident of Saco for the past 40 years, died at the home at 75 Middle street, Saco, last evening, aged 72 years, seven months and 26 days. He was a painter by occupation and retired a few years ago because of ill health.

He was born in Kennebunkport the son of Horace and Anne Jordan Chappell.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Harold Eastman of Concord, N. H., Mrs. Robert Biggar of Saco and Mrs. Philip Sanborn, seven grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Shuah Staples of this city and two brothers, Willis Chappell of Biddeford and Charles Chappell of Lyman.

For 48 years he was a member of Mousam lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 26, of Kennebunk, and was also a member of the Biddeford United Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.



NOVEMBER 9, 1937.

Mayor Wilfrid Landry starts off the annual roll call of membership for Biddeford chapter, American Red Cross, which opens here on Armistice Day. Mayor Landry is shown at his office in City building buying the first membership for the new year from George W. Bridgman, managing director of the Journal, who has been active in the annual roll call work for Bidde-

ford chapter for several years. Mr. Bridgman is delivering the official Red Cross membership sticker to the mayor in exchange for some U. S. currency to help along the Red Cross work. Mrs. Ellen R. Authier, chairman of the house-to-house division, is seated at the mayor's desk. Rev. Fr. J. A. Laflamme, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, is general chairman for the drive.

Employed at B&M Office for Years

Robert M. Tapley, 80, of 58 Graham street, widely known and highly respected Saco and Biddeford resident for many years, died suddenly at Hampton, N. H., Saturday evening after being stricken suddenly ill in a restaurant in that town while with friends whom he was visiting for the week-end. He expired a short time after being taken ill, and death is attributed to an attack of heart failure.

Mr. Tapley was a native of Haverhill, Mass., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tapley. For a long period of time previous to being retired on a pension a few years ago he filled the position of a clerk at the local freight offices of the Boston and Maine Railroad company. He was most popular among his fellow workers and officials of the concern during his employment there. He held the acquaintance of a large circle of friends among the older employees and officials of the same company. His many local friends are learning of his death with much sorrow. During his younger life he was most active in all local branches of the Masonic organizations.

He is survived by a nephew, Frank Tapley of Chelsea, Mass., and a niece, Miss Alice Tapley, Haverhill, Mass.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Elwin L. Wilson, minister of the Foss street Methodist church, was the officiating clergyman. A large number of local and out-of-town relatives and friends attended the rites performed. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were also received.

Burial was in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery.

RCH 21, 1938.

PROMINENT SACO WOMAN DIED IN SOUTH

Mrs. Fred P. Abbott
Was on Vacation
in Florida

A telegram received in Saco this morning contained the news of the death in St. Petersburg, Fla., of Mrs. J. Annie Dennett Abbott, wife of Fred P. Abbott of Saco. All the information the message contained was that the body would arrive in Saco at 6.10 a. m. tomorrow. The telegram did not say when Mrs. Abbott died. Mr. Abbott is returning to Saco by automobile and as soon as he arrives announcement of the time of the funeral will be made.

News of Mrs. Abbott's death, which followed messages to friends in the two cities, Saturday, bearing mid-week dates, in which it was declared that she was very ill, came as a shock to relatives and her legion of friends in York and Cumberland counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, as has been their custom during the past few years, left for Florida early in November, in the belief that her health which was poor at that time, would be benefited by the southern climate.

Born in Saco, June 26, 1866. She

daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Dehnett. Mrs. Abbott attended the Saco grade schools and was a graduate of the old Saco high school.

From early life on by her genuine unselfish interest in the joys and sorrows of all who came in contact with her, by her unsparring efforts to aid those ill and otherwise in distress, by her devotion to and care of her parents during vicissitudes, Mrs. Abbott chiseled a niche in the memories of relatives, friends and acquaintances that time can never erase.

Her own personal charm, coupled with a great and charitable heart that carried her ever forward to share in the civic, business and social life of Saco, has left an indelible impression on the Great Scroll.

In her contacts with business and professional men and women of the community, she was found to have a keen and exacting mind, developed through contact with her father, who was for years a civil engineer with wide interests in all sections of the state.

Mrs. Abbott's chief interest was in the home, assuming the social obligations for her parents in early life, and maintaining this interest in increasing degrees, until her health failed, her culinary efforts and original decorative appointments in the dining room of her home, always being marvels of patient effort in the interest of her guests.

She was not affiliated with many local organizations, choosing to devote her time in the interests of her church, the First Parish Congregational of Saco, having sung in the choir, and aided in the social life of that organization over a long period of years.

She was a member of the 1907

Whist club, composed of a group of her intimate friends in the two cities.

Mrs. Abbott will indeed be missed in the community.

Besides her husband, she is survived by several cousins, a list of whom will be given when final funeral arrangements are announced on the arrival of Mr. Abbott from St. Petersburg.

MRS. FREDERICK P. ABBOTT.

Funeral services for Mrs. J. Annie Dennett Abbott, wife of Frederick P. Abbott, well-known and highly respected Saco citizen who died in a St. Petersburg, Florida, hospital, following a lengthy period of declining health, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett & Craig funeral home.

The home was filled by a gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends, and the floral tokens received were both great in number and of unusual beauty.

Rev. Malcolm W. Garland, pastor of the First Parish Congregational church, officiated. The bearers were Herbert Jose, Arthur Andrews, Herbert A. Tarr, Philip F. Tarr, Eugene Hanson and Lewis Smith.

Interment was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

OCTOBER 21, 1940.

Robt. Tapley Died Suddenly At Hampton #4

Group At English - Holt Wedding



Photo By Daigneault

Group at the wedding of Miss Marie Martha Holt of Saco to Clifford Luther English of Augusta which was solemnized Saturday in the Second Congregational Church at Biddeford.

Left to right are Miss Marrienne Holt and Miss Virginia Holt of Saco, bridesmaids; Miss Sophia B. Wescott of Harvard, Mass., maid of honor; Mr. and Mrs. English; Carl Woodman Mayo of Mechanic Falls, best man; Miss Mary Libby of Biddeford and Miss Elsie English of Ithaca, N. Y., bridesmaids.

MARCH 30, 1938.

WAS LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR 42 YEARS

Mrs. Nellie F. Smith Died This Morning in Arlington

Word was received in Saco this morning that Miss Nellie F. Smith, for 42 years assistant librarian of Dyer library in Saco, had died at 25 Rangeley road, Arlington, Mass., at 7.30 this morning after a long sickness.

Larry E. Shumway, funeral director, Saco, left for Arlington this forenoon and will return to Saco with the body this afternoon when it will be decided when the funeral will be held. Notice of the funeral will be given tomorrow.

Miss Smith, who was in her 70th year, was born in this city, the daughter of Shepley and Lydia Smith. She lived here until early in 1888 when her parents moved to the Old Orchard road in Saco. She was graduated from Biddeford high school in June of that year.

She became assistant librarian of the Dyer library 42 years ago, when Miss Tucker was librarian and the library was located in the rooms in City building, now occupied by the office of Superintendent of Schools Harry H. Hull and the Saco kindergarten. She relinquished her duties because of poor health the first of November, 1936, and not long after went to Arlington, Mass., where she was making her home at the time of her death.

A host of devoted friends and hundreds and hundreds of people who were patrons of Dyer library during the many years she was assistant librarian, were saddened to learn of her death. Although Miss Smith had been in poor health for several years, and her condition for the past few months had been such that it was realized that she could not long survive, news of her death came as a shock to all, except intimate friends who had visited her during the past few weeks.

When she went to Arlington, about 18 months ago, her health was poor. Later she underwent an operation. During her long illness she had been cheerful and patient, never complaining, although during recent months she had been a great sufferer.

Miss Smith's personality was a gracious one, and she had a faculty of winning friends and retaining them. Her sunny smile will not be forgotten by all patrons of Dyer library. Wherever she went, acquaintances became warm friends and these friendships

once made were whole-hearted and lasting. She was held in high esteem by both old and young.

She was blessed with a remarkable hopeful temperament and she brought good cheer to those in any way associated with her. Her sympathies were broad and the wholesomeness of her life was indicated by her many deeds of kindness for those in distress. She always found time to make life pleasanter for others.

She seemed particularly fitted for her duties in the library, where she was employed for so many years. To both old and young she was courteous and ready to give any information possible. When she relinquished her duties all who had been to the library for years missed her greatly. There was none just like Miss Smith with her winning smile and sweetness.

On the death of John Haley, who for 28 years was librarian of Dyer library, Miss Smith was appointed city historian to succeed Mr. Haley. She was the first woman to serve in that capacity in the state. She was fitted for this position because of years of association with Mr. Haley in the library, who was one of the best posted men in either city on the history of Saco, from the days of the settlement at the mouth of the Saco river, by Capt. Richard Vines.

MARCH 1, 1938.

TEACHER AT THORNTON, 42 YEARS, DEAD

Miss M. Isabel Libby Died Last Night, at Her Home

Miss M. Isabel Libby, who was an instructor at Thornton academy for 42 years, died late last night at her home, 36 New Street, Saco, following a long illness. Her age was 75 years, 10 months and five days.

Miss Libby was born in Saco, daughter of Joseph H. and Elsie (Otis) Libby. She was educated in the Saco schools.

At Thornton academy she was considered one of the most efficient members of the faculty ever serve at the school, and her reputation as an instructor was state-wide. For years she directed all the school plays, with much success at this work by annual presentations by students. Miss Libby took unusual interest in this department of her work at Thornton, and year after year her efforts were crowned with success to give her a remarkable reputation as a play director.

Miss Libby was an excellent reader of much talent and was frequently heard as a reader before clubs and other clubs in this section of the state.

She was popular with the students at the Saco school and in high regard by members of the faculty and parents of the students.

Interested for years in the Scouts and young people's groups, Miss Libby gave much of her time in directing work for these groups.

She was a member of the School street Methodist church for years president of the Family association of Saco, member of the E. & L. Union, Thursday club, and the Saco deford Garden club, taking an active part in work of these organizations over many years, with effort and time to the organization interests by assisting in way possible in their activities.

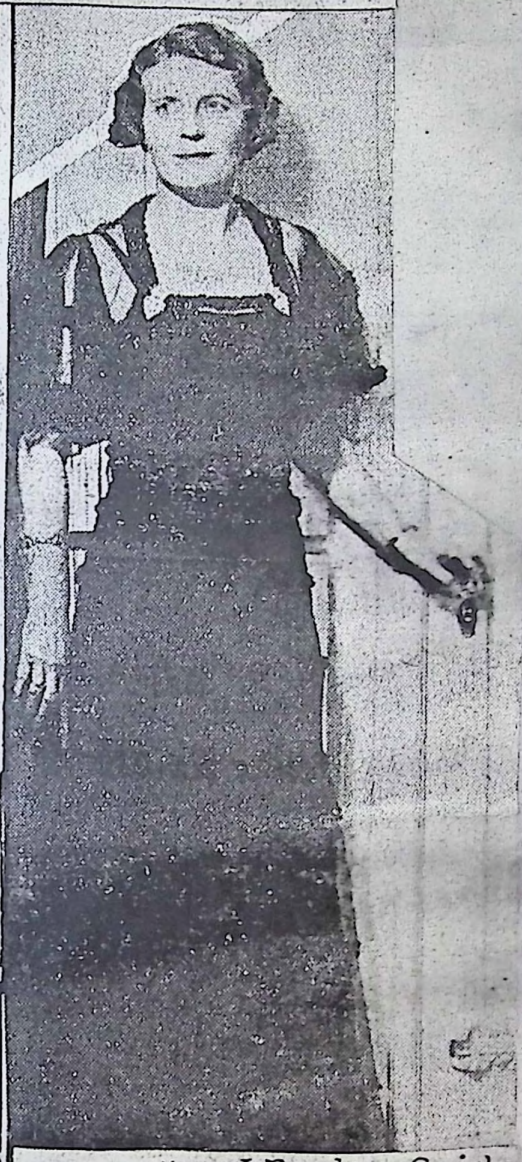
Miss Libby was possessed of an exceptionally pleasing personality, easily made friends, a worker for charitable causes, and in her many activities made a legion of friends who held her in high esteem.

She leaves a nephew, Joseph Libby of this city, and a daughter, Elsie F. Miles of this city, several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the School street Methodist church, Saco, with Rev. W. Whitney officiating. Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.



Miss
Marion
Lowell of Saco
and
Mrs.
David S.
Cook
of Biddeford Pool



Mrs. J. Burton Stride
of Biddeford



Mrs. Robert M. Moore
of Biddeford

The annual Christmas Ball sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Webber Hospital Association, which will be held Christmas Night in the Saco City Hall, will be an important social event. Miss Marion Lowell of Saco is general chairman of the arrangements. Mrs. David S. Cook of Biddeford Pool is one of the co-chairmen of the decorating committee, and Mrs. Robert M. Moore of Biddeford is Biddeford chairman of the ticket committee. Mrs. J. Burton Stride of Biddeford is president of the Webber Hospital Auxiliary. (Photos by Jackson-White)

DECEMBER 22, 1938.

Mrs. Augusta Lewis Died Last Week in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Augusta L. Lewis of Gardiner, mother of Mrs. Warren H. Stinson of Biddeford and Long Beach, Calif., died at her winter home in St. Petersburg, Dec. 14. Mrs. Lewis is well known in this city as she had visited here frequently. She is the widow of Allen E. Lewis of Gardiner and the daughter of the late Captain George W. and Philena Brown Bailey of Pittston. She is survived by two daughters, besides Mrs. Stinson, Alice M. and Frances A. Lewis, of Gardiner. All the daughters are now in St. Petersburg.

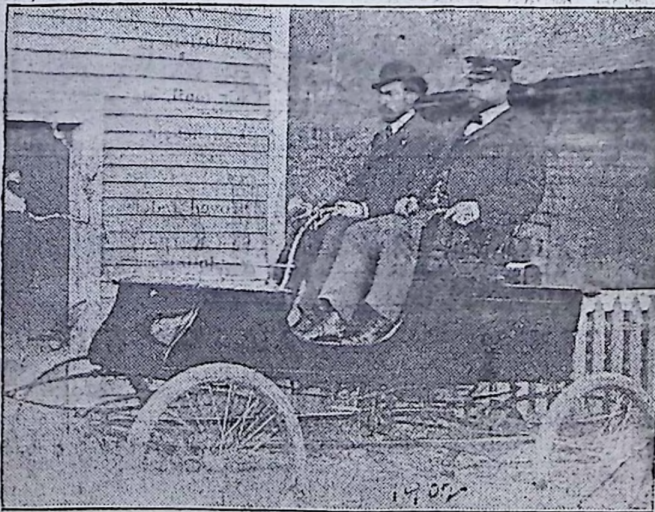
PORTLAND, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1938



Mrs. Edward Hyde
of Saco

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, 1934.

IN THOSE LINEN DUSTER DAYS



Lookit! It's an automobile! Who do you think that is piloting that scream lined buzz wagon. This is one of the swankiest models of that get-out-and-get-under era of the automotive industry, when knee action was part of the driver's equipment instead of in the springs. It was in the days of the Armstrong starter with the human instead of the mechanical arm spinning the big fly wheel to the accompaniment of language that was usually as strong as the arm to coax the chariot to "gid-ap." A gypsy tour from this city to Portland was good for a week or more of planning when these whizz wagons scared the horses and people were indignantly demanding speed laws to curb the blazing speed demons. (Biddeford still has one of the laws limiting the gas wagons to eight miles an hour on the city streets). Probably you can recognize the pilot and his companion. The model has all modern equipment, also, a whip socket in which the judge used to park his cigar when the traffic demanded his full attention, or when he pulled the car to the side of the road to allow a skittish nag to be driven past.

Floor Director, - - Mrs. H. R. Jordan.

AIDS:

Mrs. J. O. Bradbury,

Miss Angie Newcomb,

Miss Locke,

Miss Bowers,

Mrs. H. C. Quinby,

Miss Richards,

Miss Sawyer,

Miss Morris.

Mr. Arthur Andrews
To Everett Hasty Dr.,
125 Main St. Saco
1887

Feb 25	By Cash	3 35
Mar 7	By Cash	1 00
		2 35
Apr 15	By Cash	35
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	do	1 00
May 31	Balance	1 00
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	Porter	7 2
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" 4	Candies	0
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" 14	Orange & Beer	10
" "	Soda & Bananas	10
" 20	Beer & C. C.	06
		1 02

Mr. Arthur W. Andrews
To Everett Hasty Dr.,

Jun 20	By -	1 2
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" 22	Syrup & Lips	53
" 24	Porter & C.	53
" "	Syrup & Lips	0 2
" "	Island	5
" 28	Beer	10
" 30	Cigars & C.	53
		1 52

Paid July 2
Hasty,
1887

The Little Blue Stone
where the Masonic Bldg.
now stands.

BIDDEFORD DAILY JOURNAL

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 21, 1939.

PROMINENT AT ZONE MEETING



Left to right: William B. Sullivan of this city, past great sachem of Maine; Joseph X. Gaudette, sachem and degree master of Squando tribe of this city, and Thomas E. Wilson, Kittery, past great sachem of Maine, who were active in arrangements and on the programme of a zone meeting of York county Red Men conducted by Squando tribe last night.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

MARCH 4, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

The only horse in Saco to have a monument erected over its grave, is the snow-white stallion, owned by the late Horace Woodman of that city, a story of which appeared in the Old Settler's column this week. The animal after his death was taken to the Woodman farm on the Baxton road, now owned by William Grant, and buried in a field back of a big barn. The monument of granite erected on the spot was some three feet square, and on the front of the block was cut the name of the horse, "Conquerer." The Saco man, who gave the information, says he remembers the stallion quite well. Conquerer was one of the first, if not the first, Percheron stallion to be brought into Maine. Mr. Woodman paid so much a pound for the stallion, the price being about \$1,000. Later the stallion weighed 1,700 pounds. This man says Conquerer was one of the most beautiful animals he ever saw, and the strongest.

AUGUST 10, 1938.

ROSE M. STAPLES DIED TUESDAY

Miss Rose M. Staples, a life-long resident of Biddeford, died Tuesday at her home 169 West street, this city, after a long illness. She was born here, daughter of Edward W., and Clara Lewis Staples. She was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from Biddeford High in the class of 1884.

For a few years after she had completed her education, she was a teacher in the district schools, and some 30 years ago engaged in

business with her sister, Miss Lou Staples in this city, where they have continued in trade since that time.

She had a wide circle of acquaintances in the city, and was known by many summer visitors, all of whom held her in the highest esteem.

She is survived by two sisters, Miss Georgia A. Staples and Miss Lou Staples.

The funeral will be held at her late home on West street, Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Saco Man, 78, Detained Of Sister's Death And

JUNE 12, 1938

F. E. Bradbury Says Woman Killed By Fall

Police Reveal Sordid Story Of Burning In Furnace

REMAINS JAMMED IN SMALL FIREBOX

Wanted To 'Be Burnt' Instead Of Being Buried, He Says

Special Dispatch to Sunday Telegram

Saco, June 11 — Pending further investigation of one of the strangest cases with which local officials have been confronted in years, Frank E. Bradbury, 78-year-old retired brick mason, was held at police headquarters tonight after having allegedly told City Marshal Harry Townsend and Dr. George R. Love, county medical examiner, that he burned the body of his sister, Miss Harriet Bradbury, 76, in the furnace of their home, 372 Main Street, Thursday following her death as the result of a fall.

Wanted To 'Be Burnt'

Declaring that his sister had always wanted to "be burnt," instead of being buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Bradbury, is alleged to have told how he crowded the body of the frail little woman into the firebox and cremated it Thursday, and when officers seemed a bit skeptical of his ability to place her there, he remarked, "I got her in, all right. I could get in there myself."

Didn't Cost A Nickel

Then he boastfully added that the house had "been cleaned up and it didn't cost a nickel."

Examination of the ashes taken from containers in the basement of the two-story home of the brother and sister and from the furnace revealed fragments of bone, some of which are believed to have been from a human skull and others portions of an arm bone, but one thing that puzzled the investigators was the discovery of bloodstains on the living room chair in which Bradbury said his sister died and of blood-stained newspapers in the basement and in the garage.

Evidence Of House-Cleaning

In one of the rooms of the house there were also two or three tubs and a scrubbing brush indicating that some extensive cleaning-up had recently been done about the house.

Bradbury's detention resulted from a second visit paid to his home by officials after they had been informed that there might be something queer in connection with Miss Bradbury's death by a local newspaper man to whom the aged man reported it Friday morning.

On their first visit Friday evening, they did not enter the home, but stood outside and talked with Bradbury, who parried some of their questions relating to his sister and informed them it was nobody's business.

Marshal Acts On Orders

This morning City Marshal Townsend telephoned to County Attorney Joseph E. Harvey, who is attending the commencement week festivities at the University of Maine, and Harvey directed him to enter the Bradbury house and see what had been done with the woman's body.

Miss Bradbury, according to her brother, died Thursday morning. She came out on the piazza Wednesday afternoon to water some plants, when she lost her balance and fell down the steps leading to the sidewalk. Two Thornton Academy students, John Notis and Steve Economos, were passing at the time, and they aided Bradbury in carrying her into the house.

Boys Tell Of Screams

The boys told police today that Miss Bradbury was screaming from pain and that they placed her in a large arm chair in the living room. One of her legs, they said, appeared to have been severely injured, as she could move it only with the greatest difficulty.

That was the last time that any one outside the Bradbury home saw the aged woman alive.

Shortly after 6 o'clock Bradbury came to the home of a newspaperman residing about a block away, and informed him that his sister was dead and that there would be a strictly private funeral. He suggested that an announcement to that effect be inserted in the Biddeford evening paper.

No Undertaker Involved

The reporter, desiring more information, later called all of the local undertakers and found that none had the Bradbury funeral, and becoming suspicious he notified the authorities. A further canvass of clergymen in the two cities revealed that none had been called, and early Friday evening, City Marshal Townsend, accompanied by Miss Margaret Bradbury, local attorney and neighbor of the Bradburys, went to the home to make inquiry.

All "Taken Care Of"

Bradbury met them at the door, leaving it only partially open, and

when the city marshal asked him about his sister's death and burial he allegedly replied: "It's nobody's business. I've taken care of everything and nobody need worry."

Further attempts to interview him were unavailing, and the two left.

This morning the marshal, after communicating with County Attorney Harvey, returned to the Bradbury home, accompanied by Patrolman Gordon Haley and Dr. Love, and the three were admitted.

Then they informed Bradbury of the law relating to the disposal of bodies, and the old man told them that "everything had been taken care of" and that the body of his sister had been taken to Lynn to "be burnt," in accordance with her oft-expressed wish.

Finally Admits Act

Not satisfied with his answer the officials continued to press him for further information and finally he admitted, it is alleged, that he had burned the sister's body in the furnace.

According to the story he is alleged to have told, the sister died early Thursday in the chair in which Bradbury and the two Thornton students had placed her and he then took the body to the basement and crammed it into the firebox of the furnace.

After getting this admission Townsend took the man to headquarters, and returning, with the other officers he began a search of the ashes, careful sifting disclosing fragments of bone.

Find Blood Stains

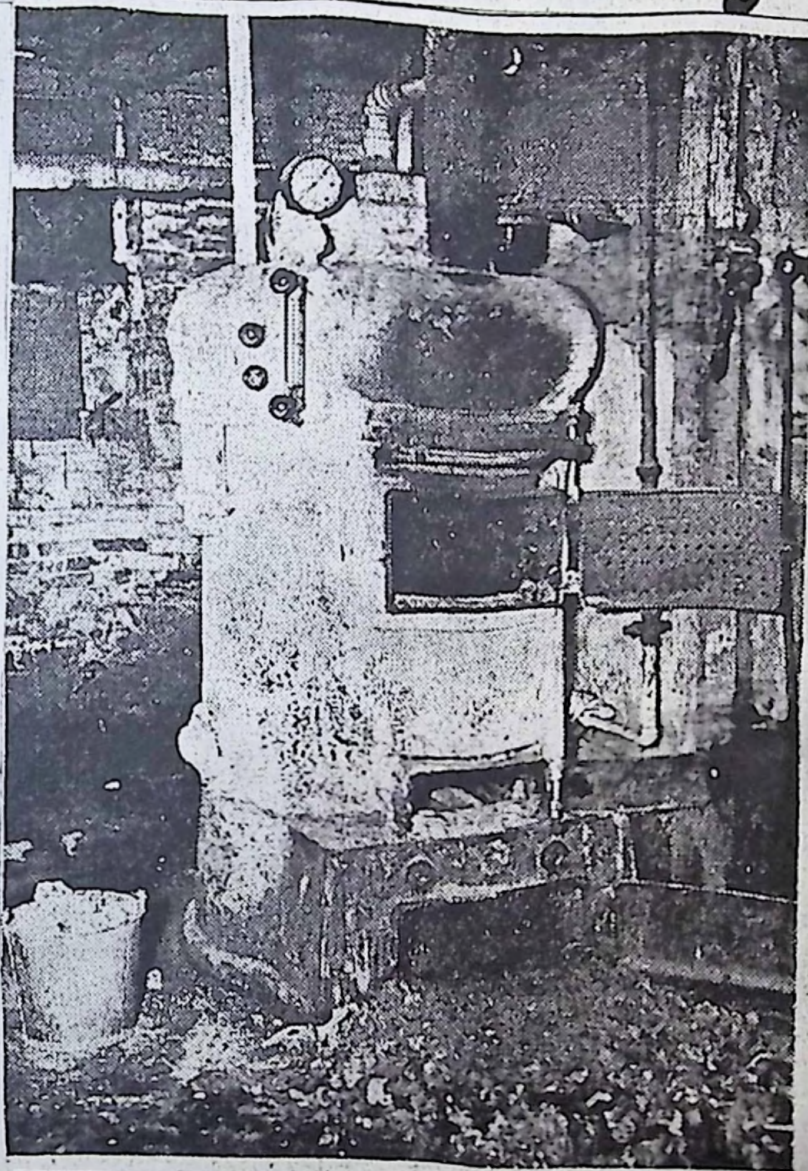
In a search of the house and outbuildings the officers came upon the bloodstained newspapers, found blood on the chair in which the woman died and in one room, standing in the corner, was a coffin which Bradbury some time ago prepared for his own burial, sawing off the legs of an old piano and using the body of the instrument.

The authorities planned to question Bradbury further Sunday, and decision on the action to be taken in the case rests with the County Attorney, who will return to Saco Sunday afternoon or evening.



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Pending Investigation Cremation Of Her Body



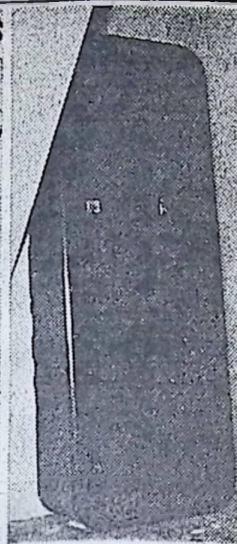
By Staff Photographer

Upper left, Patrolman Gordon Haley of the Saco police department with a dish of ashes containing fragments of bone taken from the furnace at the Main Street home of Frank E. Bradbury, 78-years-old retired brick mason, where Bradbury is alleged to have told police he burned the body of his sister, Miss Harriet Bradbury, 76, following her death as the result of a fall. Upper center, Bradbury, who is detained at Saco police headquarters pending continuation of the investigation in the case. Upper right, the furnace in which Bradbury is alleged to have admitted cremating the sister. Lower center, Frank Dolby, a neighbor, pointing to the living room chair in which Bradbury says his sister died.

MAY 29, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

An old citizen of Saco, who was well-acquainted with the late Horace Woodman, says that more space in the Old Settlers column should have been given to the late Horace Woodman, who always was deeply interested and prominently identified with the leading industries of the twin cities of Saco and Biddeford. In 1850 he says Mr. Woodman invented a self-stripping cotton card, which was in use in New England factories for years. In 1858 he invented the Woodman power and hand drill. In 1863 he established machine shops in Saco, where until 1858 he manufactured mill machinery, and a mowing machine. He invented, and in 1866 obtained a patent for a shingle machine, which was used extensively in the western states. In 1877-78 he obtained a patent for a positive motion cotton loom, and in 1873 he obtained a patent for a fancy knitting machine. For more than 20 years he was president of the Saco and Biddeford Gas Light Co. in which he owned a controlling interest. He was a director of the Saco National bank and of the Saco & Biddeford Horse Railroad Co.



By Staff Photographer

Left, Main Street home of Frank E. Bradbury, Saco, where he allegedly admitted burning the body of his 76-year-old sister, Harriet, in the furnace. Right, coffin for his own burial, which Bradbury prepared from a piano by sawing off the legs. Officers found the coffin standing in the corner of one of the rooms when they visited the house.

FORD DAILY JOURNAL, TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 1938.

Bradbury Calmly Returns to Cell



Frank Bradbury, who yesterday pleaded guilty to disposing of the body of his sister in a furnace at the Bradbury home on Main street, Saco, returning to jail from the court room after he entered a guilty plea. He did not move to provide \$5,000 bonds, in which

he was held to the grand jury in October. City Marshal Harry Townsend of the Saco police and Patrolman "Pete" Lamontagne of the Saco police are accompanying Bradbury from the court arraignment.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

SAYS SACO HAD 7 HOTELS

James W. Smith of Portland formerly of Saco, reveals that within his recollection Saco had seven hotels. He says:

"Six of them, Tufts Tavern, American House, York hotel, Saco House, Thornton House and Ben Day's tavern, have been partly or wholly destroyed by fire. The one standing is Seavey's on State street, for many years past owned by Miss Addie Jordan and occupied by her as a home, and big enough for two!

"I remember well a Sunday morning, July 5, 1860; I think I was driving Capt. Nat Fernald two cows down Beach street to Calf's pasture and the Episcopal bell rang the alarm for fire, and I hurried back as fast as possible and saw Saco Congregational church a mass of flames and very soon there was left of the old white church.

"Ben Day's tavern stood on the V-shaped lot, corner of Main and North streets, on which the Soldiers' monument now rests, and the fire was caused by rockets set up the night before from Day's tavern and lodging in the building. Day's tavern was a disreputable place and, like the other hotels and many stores, sold liquor without restriction to men, women and children, and anyone caught on the streets was carried to the lobby on Free street, on the lot which the new postoffice was built and had free lodging for 12 hours and a fine of \$2 to \$5, according to ability to pay.

Portland, Maine—March 27, 1938

Helen Alexander, Bettina Goodier Get Golden Eaglet Scout Awards



Helen A. Alexander



Bettina N. Goodier



Left to right, Miss Melba E. Ramsdell, captain; Mrs. Howard Handy, captain of Troop 2 for five years; Miss Bettina N. Goodier and Miss Helen A. Alexander, the two latter Girl Scouts, awarded the Golden Eaglet insignia at a banquet held in Saco last night.

JANUARY 30, 1938

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER IN SACO DEAD

William H. Stackpole
Had Been Ill
a Long Time

Assistant Postmaster William Howard Stackpole, 60, of 86 Elm St., Saco, died at a local hospital this forenoon. He had been in poor health for a long time and a few weeks ago was taken to the hospital for treatment. His condition was extremely serious and intimate friends feared that he would never leave the institution alive. Keenest grief was felt throughout the city when the news of his passing was learned this noon.

Mr. Stackpole was born in Saco 60 years and 3 months ago, the son of William and Lizzie (Allen) Stackpole. He was educated in the Saco public schools and at the age of 19 entered the Saco postoffice as clerk, his father at that time being postmaster. He had been assistant postmaster for 40 years. He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M.; York chapter, Maine council, Bradford commandery, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Saco First Parish Congregational church.

Mr. Stackpole had long been regarded as an ideal postoffice official. He was familiar with every detail of the postoffice business. Not only to those who have been associated with him during his long years of service in the Federal building in Saco will a sense of sadness and loss come but the sorrow will be none the less pronounced to the many citizens who were brought into personal contact with him. They always found him kind, considerate and affable, giving his time willingly and always politely to the most humble of those who had business to transact at the postoffice. He had been of inestimable value to the different postmasters during the years he has been assistant postmaster.

In politics, Mr. Stackpole was a Republican and although his position in the postoffice made it impossible for him to hold a city office he was always interested in anything pertaining to the public welfare.

A kindly and genial disposition, sterling character and human understanding won the deceased many friends, not only in Saco but in this city and his passing will be mourned by all.

Surviving relatives have the sympathy of many persons in their bereavement.

He is survived by one son, H. Thompson Stackpole; one daughter, Miss Ruth L. Stackpole; a brother, Fred H. Stackpole, and five grandchildren, all of Saco.

The funeral will be held at his home, 86 Elm street, Saco, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. and will be private. Friends are invited to call between 12 and 1.

Surviving Charter Members Of No. 1 Chapter



Left: Mrs. Daniel L. Jelleson and Daniel L. Jelleson. Only surviving charter members of Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, in this city. Both are active in the local chapter.

—Biddeford Journal, Photo.

APRIL 8, 1938.

Approximately 600 members of the Order of the Eastern Star attended the special meeting of Adah chapter, No. 1, at Masonic hall Wednesday evening, April 6, to enjoy the programme presented in honor of the 50th anniversary of the organizing of the chapter, the first in the State of Maine. About 50 chapters were represented at the meeting, some coming from long distances to be present at this golden jubilee. The rooms were elaborately decorated with festoons of southern palms, ferns potted plants and cut flowers. In the banquet hall small baskets of flowers were placed on each window sill. The card room where the Philharmonic orchestra dispensed music throughout the evening in their own unimitable manner was at

tractively decorated. Tall baskets of beautiful flowers, snapdragons, calla lilies, carnations and roses were used in the lobby and lodge room most artiscully.

Lovely baskets were presented the chapter by Dunlap Lodge of Masons, also from Annette chapter of Saco. The decorating committee received many favorable comments on the result of their efforts. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by the worthy matron, Mrs. Eliza H. Legallee. The American flag was presented by Dr. David E. Dollitt, major medical reserve, the tribute was given by Joseph A. Haley, P. P., the state flag was presented by Colonel Harry G. C. A. reserve, the tribute given by P. P. The meeting closed by singing the hymn "The Star-Spangled Banner".

Served As Pages For Golden Jubilee



First row, left to right: Edna Wildes, Gertrude Hutchinson, Dorothy Wildes and Mildred LeGallee. Second row: Elizabeth Edwards, Thelma Goodwin, Anna Dickinson, Helen [unclear], Cora LeGallee, Bernice Dickerson and Mary Jones. ~~1914~~ 1913

of allegiance was given at this time.

Next came the presentation of Grand officers. They were: Worthy grand matron, Mrs. Lyle Woodward, of Greenville; associate grand matron, Mrs. Sadie P. Grover, York Village; grand secretary, Miss Mabel I. Deshon, Portland; grand conductress, Mrs. Alice L. Graves, Brownville Junction; grand chaplain, Mrs. Sarah R. Pritham, Greenville; grand Ruth, Mrs. Marion Fenderson, Saco, and grand warder, Mrs. Mildred Williams, Dexter.

Past Grand officers included Mrs. Gladys Rogers Walker, Auburn; Mrs. Isabelle N. Montgomery, East Boothbay; George Minott, South Portland, and Blaine Abbott, Auburn.

District deputies present were:
Mrs. Myra Seaward, District No.
1; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Horne, No.
2; Mrs. Ella R. Fickett, No. 3, and
Mrs. E. Atelia Rogers, No. 18.

The past officers of Adah chapter, 36, in number, were then presented in a special ceremony, each receiving a red rose, while the soloist of the evening, Mrs. Marion Emmons, sang, "The Beautiful Garden of Roses."

A brief resume of the early days of the chapter was given by Miss Alice Haskell, P. M., who has been treasurer of the chapter for twenty-four consecutive years. This was most interesting. A memorial gift, donated by Dr. Paul S. Hill, was presented to the

chapter by the conductress, Mrs. Gladys J. Goodwin. This gift was a crayon likeness, in gold frame, of Dr. Hill's beloved aunt, the late Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, mother of the Eastern Star in the state.

Maine.
The picture reposed on a gold
sel lighted from beneath and as
e lights in the room were lower-
Mrs. Goodwin placed a bunch
red roses under the picture.
his was most impressive. In pre-
nting the picture Mrs. Goodwin
ave the following tribute:

"Many eloquent phrases have
een dedicated to the builders and
unders of all worthwhile move-
ents and organizations, but these
nes best express the life of our
te sister:

"Tis a half truth the poet has
sung,

Of the house by the side of the
road;

Our Master had neither a house
nor a home,

But he walked with the crowd
in the road.

And I think when I read of the
poet's desire,

That a house by the road would
be good,

But service is found in its tender-
est form.

When we walk with the crowd
in the road.

"Sister Hooper not only helped
lay the foundation of the chap-
ter, but likewise, through all her
ears among us, exemplified the
other's lesson of Electa. She

eeal, not merely the house by
he side of the road, but rather,
ke the heroine of old, she walked
it us. She shared our pleasures
ad diversities. She worked with
s. and for us. She was more than



MRS. HARRY LeGALLEE,
Worthy Matron
—Photo by Elite Studio.

Among the first to join after
the chapter was organized were
Mrs. Millie Barker of West Myr-
tle street and Mrs. Sarah Cousens
of Little Neck, N. Y. The Order
of the Eastern Star is the largest
women's organization in the
world. In Maine alone there are
around 35,000 members. The old-
est past matron of Adah chapter
living is Mrs. Harriet G. Hill, of
Acorn street. Mrs. Hill was un-
able to be present Wednesday
evening, on account of ill health,
but sent a letter of congratula-
tions and good wishes to the chap-
ter, which was read by the secre-
tary, Mrs. Sybil B. Cobb. Many

Following refreshments, the as-
semblage returned to the lodge
room, where an entertainment of
much excellence was given by
Rossfresco Attractions, Inc., of
Boston. This consisted of clever
card tricks by Willie Dee; banjo
and whistling numbers, by Miss
Beatrice Henderson, and acts by
Morton and Russell of musical
comedy fame. This part of the
programme was hugely enjoyed,



MRS. HUGH F. SNOW,
Associate Matron.
—Photo by Elite Studio.

judging by the enthusiastic ap-
plause accorded the artists.

It was a grand, never-to-be-
forgotten evening for Adah, No.
1, members and their guests.
Twelve young ladies, acting as
pages, assisted greatly in check-
ing and attending to the needs of
the visitors. Souvenirs in the
form of booklets, relating to the
history and other items of inter-
est of Adah chapter, have been
printed. Many took the oppor-
tunity of acquiring one on Wed-
nesday evening. Others are avail-
able to all who desire one, for a
small sum. So efficient were the
young people in charge of the
checking that no article was lost,
which is considered quite remark-
able in handling so large a crowd.
A number of young men members
assisted the pages.

The ushers for the receiving
line were as follows: Edward P.
Johnson, W. P., Annette chapter,
Saco; Alpheus C. Hanscom, W. P.,
Clover chapter, Sanford; Ralph C.
Rogers, W. P., Ruth chapter,
Springvale; Richard Bliss, W. P.,
Miniwanka chapter, Old Orchard
Beach; Lester Bragdon, W. P.,
Fadette chapter, York Village;
Kenneth M. Richie, W. P., Madon-
na chapter, Kennebunk; Leo M.
Young, W. P., Piscataqua chap-

General committee—Eliza H.
LeGallee, W. M.; Ralph C. Rob-
bins, Jr., W. P.; Alice P. Snow, A.
M.; James G. Crossley, A. P.; Car-
rie R. Dolloff, P. M.; Sybil B. Cobb,
P. M.; Bertha C. Goodwin, P. M.

Decorating—Lester P. Barbour,
Rice E. Davis, Harry A. LeGallee.
Refreshments — Evelyn D.
Thompson, P. M.; Edna R. Wood-
man, P. M.; Herbert W. Thompson,
P. P.

Entertainment—James G. Cross-
ley, A. P.; Marion C. Fenderson,
P. M.; Annabelle E. Thompson, P.
M.; Lloyd G. Woodman, P. P.;
James V. Neithercut, P. P.

Register—Mrs. Edna R. Wood-
man, P. M.; Mrs. Alice G. Herrick.
Ushers—Ralph C. Robbins, Jr.,
W. P.; Ralph R. Dickinson, P. P.;
Mrs. Miriam Thomas, Mrs. Mayde
Tanner.

Checking—Mrs. Bertha C. Good-
win, P. M.; Mrs. Hazel C. Beety,
P. M.

Anniversary book: Mrs. Carrie
R. Dolloff, P. M.; Mrs. Sybil B.
Cobb, P. M.; Mrs. Ethel G. Hill,
P. M.; Edward C. Thompson, P.
P., and Miss Gladys M. Marston,
nurse.

Living Past Matrons and Past
Patrons of Adah chapter: Harriet
Hill, 1891; Nellie J. Palmer, 1903;
Elizabeth H. Burnie, 1905-6; Em-
ma R. Bradbury, 1907; Ora A.
Hamilton, 1910; Alice M. Haskell,
1911; Cora B. Chapman, 1912-
13; Elizabeth B. Wetherell, 1914;
Martha S. Stone, 1918; Susie W.
Jordan, 1919; Annabell E. Thomp-
son, 1921; Ethel G. Hill, 1922;
Isabelle B. Hieserick, 1923; Carrie
R. Dolloff, 1924; Eva A. Harper,
1925; Gladys Murphy, 1926;
Miriam Hartley, 1927; Sybil B.



ANNETTE H. HOOPER,
Who Organized Adah Chapter.

Cobb, 1928; Rhoda W. Hillman,
1929; Carola F. Googins, 1930;
Bertha C. Goodwin, 1932; Hazel
C. Beety, 1933; Evelyn D. Thomp-
son, 1934; Ruth J. Haley, 1935;
Marion C. Fenderson, 1936; Edna
R. Woodman, 1937.

Past Patrons: Ralph H. Bur-
bank, 1902; Frank E. Parker,
1904-13 (Inc.); John H. Hieserick,
1919; Charles F. Gilpatrick, 1920;
Edward C. Thompson, 1921-24
(Inc.); George Wilson, 1925-26;
Paul T. Cobb, 1928-29; James
Neithercut, 1930; Thomas H.
Hooper, 1931-33; Charles F.
Leach, 1932; Herbert W. Thomp-
son, 1934; Joseph A. Hulev, 1935;
Ralph R. Dickinson, 1936; Lloyd
Woodman, 1937.
*Demitied.



RALPH C. ROBBINS,
Worthy Patron.
—Photo by Elite Studio.

a builder or dweller in the house
of life, she was a traveler as well.
So tonight I pay to her memory
the highest tribute of all when I
say, "She truly exemplified
through her life the lesson of
Electa, for it is the mother's way
which gathers unto itself the rays
of fidelity, constancy, purity and
immortality and shines in that
most glorious ray of all, the red
ray of love."

Mrs. Emmots then rendered "In
the Garden." Her contributions
were much enjoyed. The worthy
matron in behalf of the chapter
accepted the gift with a few well-

chosen words. Presentations of
life membership certificates for
charter members were presented
to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jellison
by W. P. Ralph C. Robbins, Jr.,
they being the only remaining
charter members out of thirty
when the chapter was organized.
This was a feature of the eve-
ning. Mr. Jellison responded for
himself and Mrs. Jellison.



JAMES G. CROSSLEY,
Associate Patron.
—Photo by Elite Studio.

notes, letters, telegrams, etc.,
have been received by Mrs. Cobb
during the past week extending
congratulations.

Following closing of the chap-
ter, a reception line was formed
in the banquet hall. In the line
were: Present and past grand of-
ficers, district deputies, past mo-
trons and patrons and present of-
ficers of Adah chapter. Refresh-
ments were served by Pooler of
Portland, from an artistically-
arranged table. A birthday cake,
decorated in gold, with gold can-
dles in gold holders, gold and
white napkins added much to the
beauty of the setting.

ter, Kittery; Clyde B. Staples,
P. P., Beacon Light chapter,
North Berwick; Melvin Wilbur, P.
P., Annette chapter, Saco; Lin-
wood G. Davis, W. P., Sarah Orne
Jewett chapter, South Berwick.

Pages were: Miss Cora E. Le
Gallee, Mrs. Thelma M. Goodwin,
Mrs. Ruth T. Hutchins, Mrs. Ger-
trude M. Hutchinson, Miss Helen
D. Goodwin, Miss Mildred F. Le
Gallee, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Edwards,
Mrs. Anna Y. Dickerson, Miss
Bernice Dickerson Miss Edna M.
Wildes, Miss Dorothy L. Wildes,
Miss Mary Jones.

Committees for the event were
as follows: 54

Charter members: Daniel L. Jelleson, Jennie R. Jelleson.

Officers for 1938.

It's a grand and glorious feeling
When we hear such cordial cheer
And know that someone wants us
When they say, "I'm glad you're
here."

There's a thrill in hearty greet-
ings
That the soul delights to feel;
And there's joy in loving welcome
From the friends we know are
real.
Worthy Matron, Eliza H. LeGallee
Worthy Patron,

Ralph C. Robbins, Jr.
Associate Matron, Alice P. Snow
Associate Patron,

James G. Crossley
Secretary, Sybil B. Cobb
Treasurer, Alice M. Haskell
Conductress, Gladys G. Goodwin
Associate Conductress,

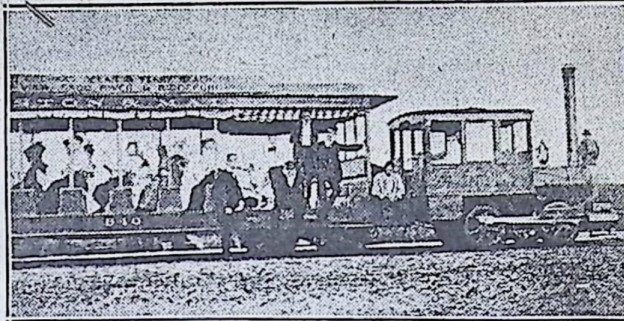
Madeline W. Milliken
Chaplain, Bertha Fuller
Marshal, Marion W. Robbins
Organist, Thelma Orcutt
Adah, Elizabeth R. Magrath
Ruth, Gertrude G. Davis
Esther, Irene Ellington
Martha, Agnes P. Lachance
Electa, Lucy S. Davis
Wardor, Gladys H. Gomez
Sexton, Harry W. Gowen

Finance committee, Carrie R.
Beloff, Ethel G. Hill, Lloyd G.
Woodman.

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Herald-Portland, Maine-July 10, 1938

Big Thrill Of Good Old Days



The so-called "dummy" which ran between old Orchard and Camp Ellis via Ocean Park.

By Adelbert M. Jakeman

Recent visitors to Ocean Park, the well-known resort adjoining Old Orchard Beach, are entirely unaware of many of the romantic aspects of the place in its earlier days of popularity. Not least among these older institutions that lent charm to the settlement then was the unique "dummy" railroad that used to run the four or five mile length of shore line between Old Orchard and Camp Ellis, at the mouth of the Saco River.

Only A Memory

But even this has become only a memory to "old timers" in the vicinity for this vacation branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad was discontinued some 15 years ago, and most of the vestiges of it have since been removed.

In its latter years, the train really had no right to be called a dummy, for its engine and two or three cars were practically the size of trunk line ones. However, in its heyday, as it were—say in the gay nineties—it was a rather different looking affair in many ways, and no doubt deserved the name so dummy. Its open cars and tiny puffing engine were a never-ceasing source of curiosity.

Although the advent of the modern motor car eventually ruined the line many fond recollections of its prosperous past still linger. For instance, practically every cottage along the route was a potential station. The train would stop almost anywhere for anybody.

Its crew was customarily composed of the same jolly men, season after season. Their first appearance in June was always hailed with delight, and their leave-taking in September was one of regret.

Excursions and fishing parties to Camp Ellis made business brisk before the automobile claimed the highways so completely. Perhaps at Ocean Park, though, the situation in a way has changed most. The station was a favorite meeting-place and "hang-out," and the station-masters were the idols of the younger generation. Especially was this true when train time approached, and it was necessary for the square white flag to be waved at the crossing.

One feature of never-ending interest to new-comers was the fact that the train always went engine first from Old Orchard, but backed all the way on the return trip. There was no turn-table at either end. It was almost a thrilling experience to hear the distant whistle from the engine, coming from the direction of Camp Ellis, and then to glance that way and perceive the train rattling down the rails, over the wooden trestle that crossed Goose Fare Brook, and then stand back on the rough platform as the cars slowed to a stop.

Many people used to ride the bamboo seats of the open cars just for pleasure. It was a beautiful and refreshing trip to travel half the length of Saco Bay in the heat of a summer's day, and would doubtless

be a big feature, if it was in operation today. The novelty of it would appeal to hundreds who now flock to Old Orchard.

JULY 7, 1938.

Frank L. Emery, Former Saco Assessor, Dead

Frank L. Emery, former member of the board of assessors in Saco, and a lifelong resident of Saco, died Wednesday at the Buxton-Hollis hospital.

Mr. Emery was born in Saco, son of James L. and Carolice (Foss) Emery. He was educated in the Saco schools.

For several years Mr. Emery was active in Republican circles in Saco and York county, and he served two terms of three years each as a member of the board of assessors, retiring several years ago.

He leaves a son, Frank E. Emery of Cape Elizabeth, a brother, Charles S. Emery, of Saco; two sisters, Mrs. George A. Benjamin of Hyattsville, Mass., and

Mrs. Susan E. Rodger of Portland, and a grandson.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

DECEMBER 20, 1938.

H. W. LIBBY DEAD AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Treasurer of Strouts' and Prominent in Masonic Order.

Harry W. Libby, treasurer of Strouts', local florists, died this morning after a brief illness at his home, 243 Alfred street. News of the death of Mr. Libby came as a distinct shock to many friends in this city and Saco, as few were aware that his condition was serious. His health had been impaired for a long time, however, and he had been under treatment at different times for the past few years. He was born in Saco, the son of William and Nancy Gurney Libby. His age was 60 years, 10 months and five days.

Mr. Libby had been connected with Strouts' for several years, being a part owner of the business and holding the position of treasurer. Previous to his connection with the floral business, Mr. Libby was connected with the grocery business of Libby and Etchells, in which his father was part owner. He was instrumental to a great extent in the development of the floral business of his firm.

He was a member of Dunlap lodge, York chapter, and Bradford commandery, taking an active interest in the affairs of these orders for several years. Although not active in public life, Mr. Libby was known to a legion of friends in this city and Saco and held in unusually high esteem by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his widow and several children. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence and will be private. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1. The body will be sent to Rome, N. Y., for burial.

DEFORD, MAINE, MONDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 1938.

FORMER JUDGE DEAD



JOSEPH R. PAQUIN.

Prominent Attorney and Former Judge of Biddeford Municipal Court, Who Died Suddenly Saturday Night.

—Photo by Elite Studio.

MARCH 3, 1931.

J. W. MAGUIRE DIED TODAY

Prominent for Years in Business Life of City.

John W. Maguire, for many years engaged in the shoe business on Main street, one of the oldest and best-known members of St. Marys parish, died this afternoon at the Dineen home on the Old Orchard road, where he has been living for the past few years. His death followed a long illness. He was 88 years of age last month.

Mr. Maguire was born in Ireland and came here when 18 years of age. He conducted the shoe store in the block opposite the McArthur library until his retirement from business about nine years ago.

Mr. Maguire was a charter member of Division 1, A. O. H., and for years one of the most interested members. He was a prominent figure in the business life of the city for several years.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Garland of Main street, this city; one son, George, of Baltimore, Md., and three daughters, Mrs. John Leahy of Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. George Traynor of Augusta, and Mrs. Hugh McCann of Old Orchard.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed this afternoon.

MARCH 4, 1931.

SERVICES FOR J. W. MAGUIRE AT ST. MARYS

Prominent Figure in Business Life of City for Years.

Funeral services for John W. Maguire, well-known shoemaker and business man, who died Tuesday afternoon at the Dineen home on the Old Orchard road, will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Marys church. The body was brought to the funeral home of Undertaker Frank X. Cote, Lincoln street, Saco, where friends may call at any hour.

Mr. Maguire was born in Dundalk, county Louth, Ireland, February 25, 1843. In 1855, then 22 years old, he made up his mind to emigrate to the United States, Ireland then being far from prosperous and steadily falling behind, because of the evil effects of absentee landlordism, while "the land of the free and the home of the brave" was drawing heavily upon its population. Mr. Maguire sailed from Liverpool in August and arrived in Biddeford September 30 of the year mentioned. He first entered the employ of John S. Fogg, one of the old-time and well remembered shoe dealers of the city, and later engaged with

George F. Huntress, with whom he remained eight years. His next connection was with Eliakim Richards, with whom he stayed 20 years. He then went into business on his own account in the store occupied by Reilly & MacFarlane. His business grew steadily and when he became greatly cramped for room he removed to a location in Warren's block.

Mr. Maguire was married July 6, 1869, to Ann Gannon.

During the many years Mr. Maguire was a citizen of Biddeford was keenly interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city. He had never been a seeker of political honors, but in a number of instances they have been thrust upon him. In the early days of his residence here he served in the city council and was a member of the board of overseers of the poor. During the time when the Citizens party was in control he was at different periods a councilman and an alderman, performing his duties with good sense and ability, and always with an eye single to the best interests of the city.

Mr. Maguire was one of the oldest members of Div. 1, A. O. H. o. Biddeford, and was at one time state treasurer.

Mr. Maguire was one of the first members of the York Loan and Building association and is now its president.

He came to America a few months after the assassination of Lincoln and shortly after Andrew Johnson had become president. When he arrived Biddeford had a population of 9,250. There was no street railroad, no telephone, no electric lights; wooden and dirt sidewalks were the best the city could boast of. There was no steam fire engine or five alarm telegraph.

JULY 30, 1938.

One of the most interesting houses of Biddeford is the former home of the late N. W. Kendall, on Hill street. The usual house has four sides; the Kendall house has eight sides. And its mode of construction goes back to the days when Biddeford people had their fortunes told by the feeling of bumps on their heads.

The McArthur library estimates the Kendall house to have been built between 80 and 90 years ago. It is what is known as an "octagon house," whose unusual form was invented by that curious genius, Orson Fowler. Fowler, a classmate of Henry Ward Beecher, was still in Amherst college when he first heard a lecture on the then new science of phrenology. The theory of bumps and skull curvature, as revealing talents and character, made a great impression upon both Beecher and Fowler. At first they practiced upon their fellow collegians, Beecher doing the lecturing, while Fowler felt the bumps on heads. The fee was two cents per head and for that fat sum the subject was told whether he was best fitted to be a lawyer, a doctor, a soldier, preacher or business man. As confidence grew the two became more ambitious and they launched out on a tour of New England, charging higher prices. When Fowler took in \$40 in one night he was set for life.

After college Beecher went on to a brilliant career in the ministry but Fowler stuck to phrenol-

OCTAGONAL HOUSE, HILL ST.



Kendall house on Hill street, this city, one of the few in this section reflecting the Fowler octagon mode in building.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

Jotted in the Library

ogy. More than one hundred years ago he opened an office in New York and wrote his first book, "Phrenology Proved, Illustrated and Applied," which met with such success as to go through 62 editions in 20 years. To follow it, Fowler wrote another book with a long-winded, 30-word title that boiled down to exactly three: "Love and Parentage." It was, in a genteel way, a forerunner of our modern sex books and it went through 40 editions. In fact, it did so well that Fowler wrote another, whose title deserves to be quoted in full. "Amativeness, or Evils and Remedies of Excessive and Perverted Sexuality; Including Warning and Advice to the Married and Single," was the way it ran and many editions had to be printed to supply the demand. It was the word amativeness that brought the customers. If you had a large bump at the base of the skull your "amativeness" was strongly developed and you'd better be careful. So great was Fowler's influence that Queen Victoria had the head of the Prince of Wales examined. Horace Greeley is said to have been a convert to phrenology, and also Emerson to some extent, and Walt Whitman. There was more than one well-attended phrenology lecture in Biddeford and Saco. And this has a direct bearing on the Kendall house because it was Fowler's great reputation as a phrenologist that made people also read his ideas on house building.

In 1849 Orson Fowler brought out a new book on what he called the Octagon Mode. His theory was that the octagon was the building form closest, practically to the spherical or circular and these latter forms had been held by philosophers to be the

most beautiful. Fowler argued that all dwellings should thus be eight-sided; that with eight walls there would be more exposure to the health-giving sunlight; there would also be fewer dark corners. As a clincher he argued that the distance traveled in a four-sided house, "in bringing up wood from the basement to the parlors," was more than twice as great as the same journey in an octagonal house. Those were the days of wood stoves in the parlor and "weakly women," as Fowler called them, had often to keep the home fires burning.

The book was widely read. To prove his points Fowler passed 10 years building a magnificent octagon house at Fishkill, New York. When opened in 1858 it had four

stories, almost 100 rooms and its cupola was 80 feet from the ground. It was a marvel of the time and visitors flocked to see it, and to admire. All over the East octagonal homes were built following out Fowler's ideas and the Kendall house is an excellent example. In its day it was as modern, and as advanced, as a glass-brick house would be now. Fowler's great showplace was torn down in 1897 but Biddeford's illustration of Fowler's ideas still stands, as interesting as ever. It looks good for many years to come.

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DECEMBER 22, 1930.

COMMUNITY SADDENED BY SUDDEN DEATH OF HARRY H. BURNHAM

Harry Haynes Burnham, principal of Biddeford high school and for a period of 35 years connected with that institution either as an instructor or guiding head, died suddenly at his home, 48 Union street, shortly before 6 o'clock Sunday evening at the age of 68 years. Death was due to a heart attack, unexpected and without warning.

Mr. Burnham, although still feeling the effects of a very serious illness of a year ago, was believed to be making steady progress towards complete recovery and, in fact, had expressed himself during the day as feeling better than for a long time, was, with Mrs. Burnham, in the library at his home and started to answer a ring of the door bell. As he did so he fell forwards. Mrs. Burnham rushed to his side and finding him unconscious, summoned a neighbor and he was removed to a couch and the family doctor, Dr. D. E. Dolloff, was called. Mr. Burnham was dead upon his arrival. It is believed that in spite of his gradual recovery, Mr. Burnham had overtaxed his strength in making preparations for the closing of the school Friday for the Christmas recess and this work had brought on a recurrence of his heart trouble, this leading up to the fatal attack. This is borne out by the fact that only a few days before he had consulted his physician, who had warned him of the serious condition of his heart and had provided him with corrective medication. As an indication of the supposed betterment of his condition, Mr. Burnham attended church in the morning and later in the day went for a walk and met and talked with a number of his friends who remarked upon his apparent advancement to restoration to health.

This sudden passing, the news of which became quite generally known throughout the two cities soon after it occurred, had a profound effect of shock and sorrow upon those who became acquainted with it, and because of its suddenness Mr. Burnham's friends, especially his intimates, were stunned by the intelligence, being unwilling to reconcile themselves to the truth of it. Since then educators throughout the state and elsewhere, Mr. Burnham having occupied a place of prominence in educational circles in Maine, have

voiced their deep regret at the loss of one of their number. By this death the Biddeford high school has lost one of its foremost loyal friends and supporters and workers, the cause of education in Maine, a staunch advocate of advanced methods and a believer in and adherent of the higher standards. His friends and associates locally have reason to feel keenly the absence of one who was measured by what he strove for, by what he represented and by what such association had brought into their lives.



HARRY H. BURNHAM

representative of one of the oldest and best known families locally, was born in Saco, Nov. 22, 1862, and was a son of the late John H. and Elizabeth Haynes Burnham. During his infancy the family removed to this city and afterwards made their home here. Mr. Burnham was reared in a scholarly atmosphere and in early life was inspired with ideas and inclinations that had a strong influence in directing his steps towards a life devoted to educational pursuits. In fact, during his youth he conceived the purpose of adopting the teaching profession. He obtained his early education in the Biddeford schools and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1882, having attained prominence in his classes. Graduating, he entered Dartmouth college, from which institution he was granted a diploma four years later. At Dartmouth he made his mark as a student, taking high rank in class work. While in college he was instrumental in organizing the Sphinx society, being a charter member of this society, whose building is one of the objects of interest to people visiting Hanover and being shown the group of college structures. He was also a member of Alpha Delta Phi of Dartmouth.

Returning to his home, Mr. Burnham accepted a position in Biddeford's teaching force and for a time taught the No. 6 rural school on the Pool road. Following this preliminary work as teacher, he went to the high school as assistant to Fred M. Fling, then sub-master. He was then advanced and in 1887 was elected principal, succeeding John M. Marston. He filled the position of principal until 1910, when he left Biddeford high and accepted the principalship of the Sanford High school, where he remained

to Keenebunk as principal of the high school. This position he occupied for two years, when he resigned and in 1919 again became principal of Biddeford high.

As an indication of the growth of the high school, there were but four instructors at the institution and less than 200 students when Mr. Burnham was first principal. At the present time there are 10 instructors and the enrollment is about 350.

Upon assuming the principalship of Biddeford high Mr. Burnham introduced new teaching methods and ideas tending to the advancement of the school and the raising of the standard. He was a strong advocate of adoption of the system, which is now in effect, whereby graduates may enter college upon certificate without examination. He was one of the hardest and most valuable workers for the addition to the old high school building, being a member of the general committee which brought about the improvement that resulted in giving Biddeford one of the finest and most complete high school buildings in Maine. It was through his instrumentality to a large extent that the athletic field on West street came into being, giving the students a playground that ranks in every way with the best in the state. Mr. Burnham was a firm believer in the athletic side of education and to his endeavors and by his advice much of the advancement Biddeford high has made in clean, helpful sport has resulted from his counsel, advice and assistance. As a principal he was successful in the conduct of the school, advanced ideas put into practical operation being conspicuous in his 35 years as head of the institution. As a disciplinarian his work in building up Biddeford high was noticeable and throughout his career he was helpful to the students under him, winning their confidence and trust and in innumerable ways manifesting his friendship and his desire to be of assistance in their pursuit of an education. To none, perhaps, does his death fall with a deeper sorrow and keener appreciation of loss than upon the present students at the school and those who have graduated under his principalship.

Mr. Burnham was interested in the civic advancement of Biddeford, gave his support to the various causes looking to such advancement, and in a quiet way aided the city's charitable undertakings. As an example of his charitable disposition, it was only Sunday that he happened in at a small store where the price of a commodity was under discussion and as he was about to leave he quietly passed to the proprietor a sum of money with the suggestion that this might be used in providing some unfortunate family with goods needful for use in the home.

Mr. Burnham was a member of the Maine Principals' association, member of the Biddeford High school alumni and Dartmouth college alumni association, an early member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club and a member of the Second Congregational church. He was also affiliated with Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M. He was at one time president of the High School Alumni association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Tudbury Burnham, formerly of Peabody, Mass., and a former president of the Maine

Federation of Women's clubs, and two brothers, James L. Burnham of Saco, Associated Press editor on the Journal and John F. Burnham, an attorney of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Biddeford.

The funeral will be held from the Second Congregational church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 17, 1930.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Cow Island, most insignificant today, was "some pumpkins," so to speak, when Capt. Martin Pring came up the Saco river in 1603. This little island, now half submerged and boasting of nothing, but a few bushes and eel grass was covered with a heavy growth at that time. In 1635 it was sold by its owner John West to Capt. Bryan Pendleton for 10 pounds. In 1678 it was exchanged for no less than 200 acres of good land on the Saco river. In 1697 the soldiers of Saco Fort were cutting fire wood on it. Freshets have stripped the little island of its original beauty and it is now over-flowed at every tide.

OCTOBER 11, 1938.

Mrs. Howard Lord Died Monday

Mrs. Jennie M. Lord, a life-long resident of Saco, wife of Howard F. Lord, died Monday at her home, 17 Thornton avenue.

Born in Saco, the daughter of Noah and Mary Roberts Gould, Mrs. Lord was known and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends who will mourn her death.

A kindly, home-loving woman, interested in a general way in betterment and charitable work in her community, she preferred to remain near the hearthstone. Mrs. Lord was a member of the Saco United Baptist church.

Her husband, Howard F. Lord, is her only survivor.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, 17 Thornton avenue.

AUGUST 10, 1938.

JOHN P. KELLY, FORMER SACO RESIDENT, DEAD

Word has been received in Saco of the death in Springfield, Mass., of John Parks Kelly of Springfield, formerly of Saco.

He was born in Saco, July 2, 1849.

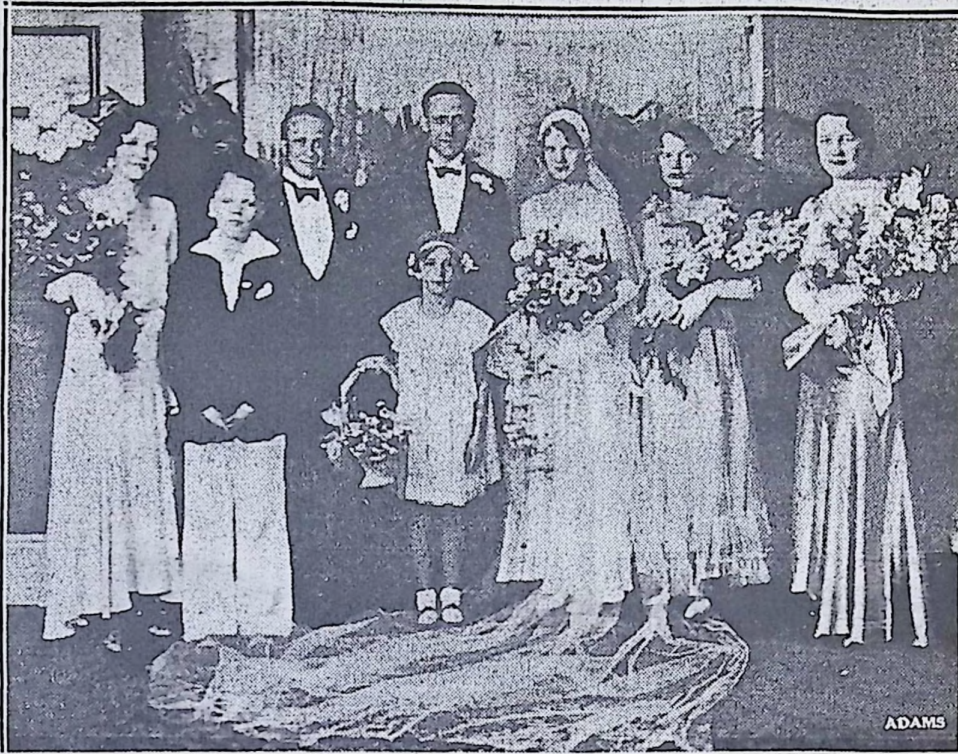
Mr. Kelly leaves one son, Howard C., of Springfield, three sisters, Mrs. Frank Northrup, Saco, Mrs. Carlotta Hill, Menden, Mass., and Mrs. Charles Brown; a brother, Phineas Kelly, Saco, a granddaughter, Kathaleen Kelly, Springfield, and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Baptist church in Springfield.

Committal services will be held at the chapel in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco, Friday afternoon.

Friends are requested to send flowers.

Bridal Group At Saco Wedding



Bridal group at the wedding of Miss Florence Elizabeth Knight and Dr. Frederick W. Shipley of St. Louis, solemnized Tuesday evening at the home of the bride, 572 Main Street, Saco.

Left to right: Miss Esther Worth, bridesmaid; Richard P. Dickson, ring bearer; Walter C. Shipley, best man; Dorothy Nutter, flower girl; Dr. and Mrs. Shipley; Mrs. Earle E. Dickson, sister of the bride and matron of honor; and Miss Helen MacDonald, bridesmaid.

JULY 19, 1938.

HERBERT AYER DIED TODAY

Owned Dry Goods Business Here Many Years

Herbert Wilson Ayer, dry goods merchant at 257 Main street in this city for many years until he retired several years ago, died this noon at a local hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ayer was born in this city, April 26, 1869, son of Lyman Johnson, and Martha Augustus (Lord) Ayer. He was educated in the local schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1877.

He was married to Annie E. Barrett of this city in July, 1882. She died a few years ago, and last April Mr. Ayer was married for the second time.

Mr. Ayer was engaged in business for many years, successfully conducting a store in Shaws block. He made his home on South street, this city, until a few years ago, when he moved to Saco.

He was for years a member of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a member of the Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club for several years. He was a Republican in politics, and, although identified with the party locally for years, never held any political office.

He leaves one daughter, Elizabeth; his widow, also a brother, Walter L. Ayer of this city.

Mr. Ayer was a member of the Second Congregational church of this city, and for years took an active interest in the church work.

He made a large number of friends in a business way and socially in this city, Saco and vicinity and was held in unusual high esteem.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been made today.

roses and chrysanthemums are to be distributed at the two local hospitals for the benefit of the patients.

Included among the tributes sent to the home were four beautiful ones from the classes at the high school. That from the class of 1931 was a pillow; that from the 1932 class a wreath, while the class of 1933 sent a standing cross and the class of 1934, a spray of calla lilies. Floral tributes came from a large number of prominent citizens of Sanford, in which town Mr. Burnham was principal of the high school for seven years.

DECEMBER 24, 1930

TRIBUTE PAID BY PUBLIC TO H. H. BURNHAM

Services Held Today at White Church— Burial at Peabody.

The funeral of Harry H. Burnham, principal of Biddeford high school, whose sudden death at his home, 48 Union street, terminated a 35-year connection with that institution either as instructor or principal, was held from the Second Congregational church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Preceding this service a private service was held at the home at 12 o'clock, this being confined to relatives and at which Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh, pastor of the Second church, officiated.

The attendance at the church was unusually large and included the members of the Biddeford board of education, the teaching force at the high school, for whom seats had been set apart in the front rows of pews, members of

various organizations with which Mr. Burnham was affiliated, great numbers of teachers of the local schools below the high school, members of the student body at Biddeford high and representative citizens. Also attending were Judge Leslie P. Snow of Rochester, N. H., secretary of the class at Dartmouth college in which Mr. Burnham graduated in 1886, and another classmate residing in Dover N. H.

The service was conducted by Mr. Grubaugh and was in accordance with the ritual of the Congregational church, being marked by its simplicity. There was no singing, the only music being a prelude played on the organ by George A. Casseboom, an intimate friend of the deceased. Mr. Grubaugh made a brief eulogistic address, in the course of which a handsome tribute was paid to Mr. Burnham as a worthwhile citizen and as an educator, stress being given to what the Biddeford high school owes to the dead principal in recognition of what he had done in the building up and advancement of the school.

The body will be taken Friday morning to Peabody, Mass., Mrs. Burnham's old home, for interment in the Tudbury plot.

The honorary pallbearers, representing the organizations with which Mr. Burnham had connection, were as follows: Mayor Cornelius Horgan, chairman of the board of education; J. Burton Stride, president of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club; Byron L.

Mitchell, president of the Biddeford High School Alumni association; Henry D. Evans, representing the Second Congregational church; Everett M. Staples, representing the Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M.; Arthur F. Maxwell, representing the athletic field association of the high school; Carlos H. McKenney of the class 1882, in which Mr. Burnham was graduated from Biddeford high; Postmaster Everett J. Gove, and Judge George L. Emery, representing the alumni association of the high school, and Prof. E. R. Woodbury, principal of Thornton academy.

The active pallbearers were: A. L. T. Cummings of Portland, Thomas B. Walker, from the board of education, Principal Arthur F. Cowan and Stephen F. White, representing the Biddeford Teachers' association; Robert M. Moore, from the Rotary club, and R. Hampden Bryant of the Alumni Field association.

The display of flowers at the church gave mute evidence of the love and esteem in which Mr. Burnham was held, both at home and away. There were great quantities of set pieces, sprays and bouquets. Included were floral tributes from such far away places as Alabama and Illinois. The family flowers are to be placed on the Burnham lot in Greenwood cemetery or taken to Peabody with the body, while the loose carnations are to be donated to the Christmas children's party in Peppercell hall tomorrow and the

OCTOBER 20, 1931.

H. R. JORDAN WAS PROMINENT SACO RESIDENT

Was President of the First National Bank in Saco.

Herbert R. Jordan, who died in Oklahoma City Monday, was born in Saco, June 28, 1867, the son of Rishworth and Mary E. Hill Jordan. After graduation from high school he was associated with his father in the retail grocery business and later in the real estate business, which he carried on after his father's death. He succeeded his father as president of the Saco National bank.

Mr. Jordan was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Cumberland club of Portland. Mr. Jordan was married twice, his first wife being Caroline Hooper, daughter of Gideon Hooper, and the second was Miss Annie E. Leavitt, who died in 1927.

The survivors are a son, Rishworth Pierpont Jordan of Saco and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Skartel, of Oklahoma City, also a sister, Mrs. Helen A. Scamman of Portland and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Skartel.

The news of the death of Mr. Jordan, who had been a resident of Saco practically all his life, was learned by his many friends in the two cities and the adjoining city of Portland with keenest sorrow. His death was not unexpected, for it had been known for months that his health was shattered because of a shock. He was all ready to return to Saco when taken suddenly ill.

He had a strong, sturdy character and was positive and earnest in his convictions. He was probably one of the largest real estate owners in the two cities, and until his health failed he devoted his attention to looking after his possessions. He was always interested in Saco and was quite active years ago politically, although he never sought public office. He was respected by his fellowmen, and Saco people feel that in his demise they have lost a citizen of excellent stamp. He was the oldest non-resident member of the Cumberland club of Portland, and had been affiliated with the First Parish church in Saco for some years.

The funeral will be held at the home of his son, R. P. Jordan, 14 Vernon street, Saco, Friday, at 2.

AUGUST 29, 1938

Eve H. Webber Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Eva H. Webber, wife of Robert L. Webber, died at her home, 24 North street, Saco, Saturday afternoon, after a long sickness. Her condition had been serious for weeks.

She was born at Charlotte, Prince Edward Island, the daughter of William H. and Sarah Farwell Harris. She had been a resident of Saco for a quarter of a century. She was a member of the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church, of Annette chapter, O. E.

S., the Educational and Industrial Union, the Saco-Biddeford Garden club, and the Unitarian Alliance, of which she had been treasurer for 16 years.

While thoroughly devoted to her home, this did not prevent her from taking a deep interest in the clubs in which she had been prominent for some years. In the church and the organizations of which she was a member she worked unceasingly as long as her health permitted. She will be deeply missed in Saco, where she had made her home for years.

Besides her husband she is survived by a sister, Miss Helena M. Harris, of Saco.

A private funeral service will be held at her home on North street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call between 12 and 1 Tuesday.

EVENING, MAY 28, 1938.

R. H. BRYANT DIED FRIDAY

Well - Known Local Resident Active in Many Circles

Robert H. Bryant, manager of the Montreal House at Old Orchard Beach, a life-long resident of this city and prominent throughout the county in Odd Fellows circles, died last night at a local hospital, after a short illness.

He was born in this city, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Hartley) Bryant.

Mr. Bryant was educated in the local schools. He learned the trade of molding at the Saco-Lowell Shops, and was employed in the foundry of the shops as a hand-molder for many years. He was a member of the local Molders Union and held office in that organization for years.

He was a past noble grand of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., a member of York encampment, Canton J. H. Dearborn and Evangeline Rebekah lodge. Mr. Bryant took great interest in this organization and was active in the organizations here, as well as throughout the county and state, serving these organizations in several capacities.

Mr. Bryant was also a member of the Biddeford fire department for many years, and served as engineer of the Richard Vines steam fire engine until it was taken out of commission to be replaced by modern apparatus.

In recent years he had been manager of the Montreal House at Old Orchard Beach.

Mr. Bryant was an attendant at the White Congregational church in his city.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Bertha M. Bryant, a son, R. Hampton Bryant, and a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Atwood, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Bryant had a host of friends locally and in circles throughout the county by whom he was held in high esteem.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday at his home on Alfred street.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1938.

WHEELMEN MET IN ANNUAL REUNION

Forty-seven members and guests were present last night at the Moulton House, Scarborough, where the annual reunion of the York County Wheelmens association was held. Many of the members are now widely scattered, but some made special trips from Massachusetts and other cities in New England to be present.

When the guests began to arrive they formed groups on the hotel piazza, discussing their more youthful days when the club was the leading social and bicycle organization in the two cities.

Dinner was served at 6.30 with Frank C. Deering, President Alton M. Seavey and Charles L. Bachelder, secretary, occupying the head table. The members were guests of Mr. Deering. During the business session Mr. Seavey and Mr. Bachelder were received.

Among the speakers during the evening were Mr. Seavey, Mr. Bachelder, Mr. Deering, former Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves, A. L. T. Cummings, W. W. McIntyre, George Albert Haley and Leon F. Quinby.

Previous to adjournment Mr. Deering said that if conditions were right the members would be his guests next year.

Deepest regret was expressed by all the members and guests that R. A. Fairfeld of Saco, known as the "father" of the York County Wheelmen, was unable to be present on account of his health. This is the first reunion that Mr. Fairfeld has missed since the first reunion was held February 23, 1913. At this time the York County Wheelmens Reunion association was formed, Mr. Fairfeld being elected president, and the late Harry C. Quinby, treasurer.

It was in Mr. Fairfeld's kitchen September 4, 1883, that the York County Wheelmen was formed with nine charter members, of whom three are living, Mr. Fairfeld, J. Vaughan Dennett and Daniel E. Owen.

Those present were: Fred P. Abbott, Saco; Arthur W. Andrews, Saco; Walter L. Ayer, Biddeford; Charles L. Bachelder, Saco; George D. Buck, Saco; Will H. Bryant, Foxboro, Mass.; Ralph H. Burbank Saco; James L. Burnham, Saco; Harry Calderwood, Biddeford; Harry P. Chadbourne, Saco; Benjamin F. Cleaves, Portland; Justus B. Cobb, Saco; A. L. T. Cummings, West Buxton; Will R. Cutter, Limington; Percy S. Davis, Saco; John F. Dean, Biddeford; Fred H. Dearing, Portland; John P. Deering, Saco; Joseph B. Dow, Saco; Harold L. Emmons, Saco; Walter J. Gilpatrick, Saco; Fred P. Graves, Saco; George A. Haley, Watertown, Mass.; Eugene Hanson, Biddeford; Howard M. Jones, Biddeford; Herbert A. Jose, Saco; Jack W. Lawrence, Saco; Frank Maxey, Gardiner; William W. McIntyre, Saco; Ralph H. Merrow, Saco; R. W. E. Milliken, Lexington, Mass.; Willard F. Murphy, Biddeford; Daniel E. Owen, Biddeford; Samuel Parcher, Exeter, N. H.; George F.

Piper, Kittery; C. Wilson Place, Biddeford; Leon Quimby, Reading, Mass.; M. Everett Ridlon, Fred W. Sawyer, Alton M. Seavey, Saco; Charles E. Skillings, Old

Orchard Beach; Howard R. Whitehead, Biddeford Pool; Fred C. Watson, Biddeford, and the following guests: Dr. G. R. Love, William Foss, Albert Goodwin and Joseph Stickney and the host, Frank C. Deering.

During the past year members who have died were Herbert W. Ayer, Robert H. Bryant, Frank C. Leavitt, Harry C. Quinby and Lytton E. Staples.

DECEMBER 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary A. Greene Died Sunday After Extended Illness

Mrs. Mary A. Greene, widow of Frederick Greene, a Civil war veteran and for years an overseer in the Pepperell, died early Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. A. J. Stirling, Elm street, where she had been making her home. Mrs. Greene had been a resident of this city for 60 years. Her age was 85 years, 6 months and 14 days.

She was active for years with local patriotic organizations and in church circles when younger. Mrs. Greene was known to many friends in the city and vicinity.

She was born in Kennebunk, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Young.

One son, Fred B. Greene of Boston and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian H. Foss of Providence, R. I., survive her.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, Main street, Saco.

AUGUST 26, 1931.



JAMES P. RUNDLE.

JANUARY 19, 1931.

J. F. HANNAWAY DIED TODAY AT WATERTOWN

**Former Business Man
Here Succumbs After
Long Illness.**

John F. Hannaway, for many years one of the leading business men of this city, died suddenly



JOHN F. HANNAWAY.

about 5 o'clock this morning, at his home, 125 Marshall street, Watertown, Mass., where he had been residing for the past few months, the family moving from this city a few months ago.

Mr. Hannaway had been an invalid for the past few years, the result of an attack with which he was stricken while still engaged in business in this city. Although he rallied at times and was able to get out a little, his condition for the past two years was serious several times and for the most part he was confined to the house. News of his death this morning came as a shock to his friends in this city as few knew that his condition had been considered critical.

For years Mr. Hannaway was one of the most prominent figures in the business life of the city, conducting a prosperous grocery business in the Hannaway block at Harmon's corner. He was born in this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Hannaway, and after completing his education in the local schools entered the Pepperell mills.

While still a young man, Mr. Hannaway embarked in the grocery business first as a clerk at the store conducted by Levi Stone. Later he became a member of the firm of Sullivan and Hannaway, conducting a store on Main street, and then opened a business of his own, which he conducted until the time of his retirement a few years ago. His physical condition had much to do with his decision to retire from business. His grocery business was one of the largest in the city for several years, growing from a small store until it occupied all except the top floor of

the brick block which Mr. Hannaway had erected.

Soon after moving to the store in his own block, Mr. Hannaway branched into the wholesale end of the grocery business and for years carried on quite an extensive business with small stores and hotels in the county. He also acquired extensive real estate holdings in the city in addition to his business block, erecting a large tenement block on State street and acquiring property on Bradbury St. Marys and Main streets. Mr. Hannaway enjoyed a wide acquaintance and a splendid reputation through his business dealings.

For years Mr. Hannaway was also prominent in musical circles. He played the bass horn in the Biddeford Military band under the late Charles French, and was a member of the Aeolian orchestra, one of the leading orchestras in this vicinity for years, directed by Charles J. Murphy. He took a keen interest in musical activities of the city.

He was a charter member of the Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, and up to his last illness was always active in the affairs of the council. He was also an interested member of the Emmets Literary society.

Mr. Hannaway was married in 1907 to Miss Mary F. Moran of Somersworth, N. H., who survives him, with four children born to them, John Francis, Jr., Mary, Margaret and Edward, all of whom made their home with the parents. He also leaves two brothers, Mark and Bernard, and two sisters, Mrs. William F. Mahaney, and Mrs. Daniel Dinan, also several nieces and nephews.

While in this city Mr. Hannaway was director of the Webber Hospital association and was also on the board of the Biddeford Savings bank.

Although actively interested in the civic life of the city, Mr. Hannaway always had a reluctance about accepting public office, and although urged several times to become a candidate for leading offices in the city government, he would not allow the use of his name as a candidate.

He was prominent in activities in St. Marys parish for years and found much time to devote to the interests of the parish, despite his business cares.

He was a man of genial disposition and recognized as a business leader. Much regret was expressed by business men of this city at the time of his retirement from active business life.

It was expected that the body would arrive on the 7.34 o'clock train this evening and plans were made to have it taken to the home of Frank X. Cote, Saco undertaker.

OCTOBER 16, 1930.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Any one living in the two cities remember when the jail was located in a little wooden building on Free street, back of the fish market of the late Oliver Freeman, at the corner of Main and Free streets? Perhaps some people living have occupied one of the primitive cells. Later, a brick jail was built on Factory island. When the Boston & Maine was extended through Saco in 1873, the jail was in the way, and it was

SEPTEMBER 16, 1938.

ULYSSES E. FOSDICK, FORMER MAYOR, DEAD

Former Mayor Ulysses Everett Fosdick, for several years a merchant in this city, died this morning at Augusta, where he had been under treatment only since Wednesday of this week. He had been in failing health for the past few years.

Mr. Fosdick was born at Alstead, N. H., Jan. 28, 1865, the son of Andrew Jackson and Cornelia W. (White) Fosdick.

He was graduated from the high school at Rockland, Mass.

Mr. Fosdick was employed at the Jordan Marsh company, Boston, for six months and then entered the employ of R. H. White company, Boston, where he was employed for a year and six months. He then went to the H. W. Robinson company, Brockton, Mass., as a clerk and rose to the position of buyer.

He came to this city in February, 1908, to engage in the dry goods business, being associated with the Smith-Fosdick company for two years, then forming in 1910 the Fosdick Department store, of which company he served as treasurer and afterwards as president.

Mr. Fosdick was elected mayor of this city on the Republican ticket in 1921 and served one year. He later served as a member of the board of education. He was active for several years with the Republican party.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, No. 47, R. A. C., No. 5, and Maine council, No. 7, and R. & S. M. Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 4, taking a keen interest in the Masonic orders for several years.

He retired from active business several years ago.

Mr. Fosdick enjoyed an exceptionally good reputation in business and for several years successfully operated the department store on Main street.

He was twice wedded, his first wife being Kittie F. Webb, to whom he was married at Boston, and his second wife was Susie M. Ewell, to whom he was married at Rockland, Mass. He had three children, Dorothy M., Effie S. and Kittie Maud Fosdick. His wife and the three children survive him, Dorothy being a resident of Newton, Mass., Effie, residing in New York and Kittie Maud, residing in California.

No arrangements for the funeral had been made today, the body being brought here this afternoon by Dennett & Craig, undertakers.

moved by the corporation to its present site, in the rear of city hall. It was taken down by railroad men and rebuilt. The cells were moved first and later the four brick walls built around them. While the work was in progress and before the bricks had been laid, one of the workmen became intoxicated and was locked up in one of the cells, where everyone could see him. His fellow workmen visited him and jeered at him, telling him he had a light and airy room.

arket place.

FORMER MAYOR
DIED TODAY



ULYSSES E. FOSDICK

MARCH 24, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

It is said that some wag wrote on the tombstone of John Bonython, who died in 1684: "Here lies Bonython, the Sagamore of Saco; he lived a rogue and died a knave and went to Hobomocko." As late as 1830, the ruined cellar of the outlaw's house, burned by the Indians in 1675, which stood on the easterly side of the Saco river, below the falls, and a quarter of a mile back from the water, might still be seen. It is related that shortly before his death, as if to atone for his misdeeds, he gave the town of Saco 20 acres of upland for the minister. Bonython rebelled against the usurpation of Massachusetts in 1653. He was the son of the patentee. His caustic denunciations smote harshly upon the ears of the claimants and in 1658 he was pronounced "a rebel or common enemy," and a reward of 20 pounds was offered for his capture, dead or alive. This thunderous manifesto seemed to have had the desired effect on the obdurate John for shortly after he took the oath of allegiance and resumed the position of a citizen in good standing. He apparently had no just cause of complaint and acted simply from the promptings of an unruly nature. He had always led a lawless life; had been outlawed by the government of Maine and had acquired by his bravo's the sobriquet of "Sagamore of Saco."

MARCH 13, 1931.

FORMER SACO WOMAN DEAD IN WASHINGTON

**Mrs. Franklin Nourse,
Mother of Mrs. Rogers,
Died Today.**

Mrs. Charlotte S. Riversmith of 46 Summer street, Saco, received word this morning of the death in Washington, D. C., early today of her sister, Mrs. Franklin Nourse, widow of Franklin Nourse, for some years agent of the York Mfg. Co., and mother of Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of the Fifth Massachusetts district. The news of the death of Mrs. Nourse came as a great shock to relatives and friends in Saco, who had no knowledge of her critical sickness. She was stricken with pneumonia a week ago yesterday and the end came early today.

The body will be brought to her former home in Lowell, Mass., where the funeral will be held and the burial will be in the family lot in Mount Vernon, where her husband is buried. The date of the funeral was not known today.

Mrs. Nourse was born in Saco, the daughter of William H. and Abbe S. Riversmith. When she was quite young she moved with her parents to New York, where she received her education. She married Franklin Nourse and in the '80's, when he was appointed agent of the York Mfg. Co., she came to Saco with her husband. They made their home in that city about 15 years. When he was appointed agent of the Lawrence Mfg. Co. in Lowell she went to that city, where she lived until seven years ago, since which time she had made her home with her daughter in Washington, D. C. For years she had been a summer resident at Bay View, occupying the Nourse summer home, one of the finest at that resort.

The personality of Mrs. Nourse was a rare and gracious one, and she had a remarkable faculty of winning devoted friends. Whenever she went chance acquaintances soon became warm friends, and these friendships once made were wholehearted and lasting. She was generous, liberal and kindhearted and was ever doing deeds of kindness. Surviving relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Besides her daughter she leaves a son, Frank, of San Francisco; a sister, Miss Riversmith; a brother, Everard Riversmith, both of Saco, and two grandchildren who live in San Francisco.

APRIL 22, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

In response to the query of a Journal reader for facts about Gee Hill, an old resident of Saco, James W. Smith of Portland, formerly of Saco, gives the following interesting

information regarding the old-timer:

When I was a boy 10 years of age, Gee Hill lived in a house at the corner of Front and Wharf streets and had a fishmarket in a room in the back part of the building where W. J. Vinton formerly made and sold cigars. At that time a walk was built to go to the fishmarket and Elder Fernald's furniture store beyond the fish market on the outside of the building. At that time customers could buy a nice haddock for 5 cents and a good sized lobster for 10 cents. Carpenters were paid \$2 a day of 11 hours. After many years Mr. Hill moved to the Captain Morrell place on High street, next to my former home, 87 High street, and he, his son and daughter died there.

A Saco man asked the Old Settler for information regarding the Saco & Boston Steamboat company, incorporated in 1867 and operated between those two cities and referred to as the packet. Can any reader give the facts regarding the company?

SEPTEMBER 24, 1931.

FRED M. ROSE DIED TODAY AT SUMMER HOME

**Prominent in Masonic
Circles for Several
Years Locally**

Frederick M. Rose of 18 Fall street, as well known, perhaps, as any of the older of Biddeford's citizens, prominent in Masonic circles and one of the last of the Democratic politicians of the old regime, died at 5 Camden avenue, Old Orchard Beach, where he had passed the summer, at 7.45 o'clock this morning. His age was about 81 years. The cause of his death was a complication of diseases largely due to the infirmities of old age. His illness, varying in severity, extended over a period of years, and for three years or more his condition had for the greater part of the time been so serious as to cause his family and friends a great deal of anxiety.

Mr. Rose was born in Greene, son of John L. and Lydia Jane (Gray) Rose of that town. The date of his birth was October 16, 1850. He came to Biddeford in his youth and the greater part of his life was spent here. By occupation he was a barber, in which calling he established a fine reputation, being regarded as one of the best in the two cities. For a number of years he was employed as a journeyman in the shop in Union block conducted by the late Charles H. P. Hampson. Leaving Mr. Hampson's employ, he engaged in business for himself in a story-and-half building on Main street, next to Union block. He afterwards removed to Union block, occupying the rooms vacated by Mr. Hampson. He retired from business a number of years ago.

He was affiliated with all the Ma-

sonic bodies locally, taking a deep interest in all and especially in Dunlap lodge, which he joined in 1875 and was elected worshipful master in 1890. He was one of the oldest past masters of this lodge. Mr. Rose for years made an exhaustive study of Masonry and was considered an authority on the subject. He seldom missed a meeting of Dunlap lodge, oftentimes attending when his physical condition was such that it was with considerable difficulty that he reached Masonic hall from his home. He was also a member of the order of Red Men and a number of years ago was prominent in the work of Squando tribe of this city.

In politics Mr. Rose was a staunch Democrat and years ago when the party gained ascendancy under the leadership of the late E. W. Staples, he became an active worker, gaining prominence in party circles and councils. He served as a member of the board of aldermen in the administration of Mayor Staples and later on, during Mayor Cornelius Horigan's first term as the city's chief executive, he filled the office of street commissioner. Of late years he had taken no active part in party politics.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Wardwell Rose; one daughter, Miss Ina M. Rose, and a sister, Mrs. Elmer Staples, all of this city.

The funeral services will be held at the funeral parlors of Dennett & Craig in Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, daylight saving time, to which friends are invited. The service will include the Masonic ritual.

MARCH 22, 1938.

SACO WOMAN DIED IN SOUTH

**Mrs. Nellie Chadwick
Was on Vacation
at Southern Pines**

Word was received in Saco Monday of the death in Southern Pines, N. C., Saturday of Mrs. Nellie Chadwick, 87, widow of John Chadwick, who was for some years engaged in the leather business with Jason Beatty, in the old brick building at the corner of Pleasant and Main streets. The building was torn down when the bank block was erected some years ago.

By a singular coincidence two Saco women died in the Southland, one in St. Petersburg, the other in Southern Pines, last week and their bodies will be brought to Saco for burial in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Chadwick, whose maiden name was Miss Nellie A. Patten, was born, educated and passed most of her life in Saco. Since 1911 she had passed the winters in Southern Pines, coming to Saco every summer until three years ago. She was a talented musician and gave music lessons. The Chadwicks lived for years in the house now owned and occupied by Dr. Lawrence E. Willard on Main street in that city.

Her old-time Saco friends will

be grieved to learn of her death. She was a woman of great strength of character, and a true and loyal friend. The personality of Mrs. Chadwick was a graceful one and she had an unusual faculty of winning friends.

During the many years she lived in Saco she was a loyal and active member of Trinity Episcopal church. To the church she loved and served so faithfully a long period, her devotion unflinching and her passing brought sorrow to the older members. A number of years she was a member of the church.

She was a sister-in-law of late Miss Lydia M. Chadwick, many years an instructor at Thornton academy.

She is survived by one son, John Chadwick, of Santa Clara, and one grandson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Chadwick were held at Southern Pines Monday and the body will be brought to Saco, where committal services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at graveside at Laurel Hill cemetery.

APRIL 12, 1930.

Mrs. Ada Nickerson, Resident of Saco, Died Friday Night

Mrs. Ada T. Nickerson, wife of George E. Nickerson, a resident of Saco, died Friday night at the hospital. Her age was 58 years, months and 20 days.

She was born in Saco; the daughter of Andrew W. and Hannah Hewes. Mrs. Nickerson attended the First Parish church and for many years was active in the interests of the church.

She is survived by her husband and two brothers, Herry A. and Walter H., both of Saco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3.30 at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 335 Main street, Saco, and will be preceded by friends may call between 12 o'clock and 2 o'clock.

G, SEPT. 16, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

How many people have known that a postoffice was established on the coast line in Saco many years ago, under the government name of Bay View? The territory, west of Goose Fare brook; has been known as Saco Ferry since 1673, receiving its name from the ferry across the Saco river. For many years the Ferry was an important business point. It was the winter port of Saco, and all coastwise trade was carried on there. Previous to the war of 1812 the West India trade was large. The old Ferry house was built in 1800 by Capt. Asa Stevens as a residence. Later it was converted into a hotel. The building was destroyed by fire in 1876.

EDMUND E. BLAKE, RESEARCH ENGINEER AT SACO-LOWELL, DEAD

Edmund E. Blake for 24 years a resident of Saco, and employed by the Saco-Lowell Shops since 1893, 19 years of which time he was agent of the machine shops in this city, who was vitally interested in civic projects and in educational and other institutions, died at the Maine General hospital in Portland yesterday afternoon, aged 66 years, seven months and eight days.

He underwent an operation for gall stones at the hospital a week ago, and complications which followed caused his death. The news of his passing came as a great shock to the workers in the local machine shops and to hundreds of friends in all walks of life in the two cities.

He was born in Boston, the son of James and Mary Brown Blake.

He was graduated from the M. I. T. in Boston in 1893 and the same year entered employ of Saco-Lowell Shops in Newton Upper Falls as salesman. In 1904 he was made agent of the local shops and continued as such until 1923, when he was made chief engineer in charge of research and development, a position he held at the time of his death.

By action of the Saco-Lowell management in Jan. 1914, Mr. Blake was promoted to the agency of the Biddeford and Lowell, Mass., plants jointly. His new position made it necessary for Mr. Blake to be in Lowell about half the time. The promotion, while entailing much added work and responsibility, was in recognition for his ability as an agent and manufacturer, and was offered to and urged upon him by the management.

He had served as a member of the board of alderman of the city of Saco, was a member of the Saco United Baptist church and a member of the board of trustees; past president of the Webber hospital association and deeply interested in Thornton academy and the Sweetser Home for Boys on Moody street, Saco.

Citizens in both Saco and Biddeford expressed deepest regret when they learned of his death late yesterday afternoon. It was admitted by all that no municipality could afford to lose such a public spirited citizen. His never failing spirit of friendliness and kindly companionship will be cherished by all of his intimate acquaintances and those associated with him in a business way.

By the death of Mr. Blake, Saco loses a citizen the type of which no city or town can be deprived without feeling the loss keenly. As a citizen he was loyal and substantial and took an interest in every thing that had to do with the welfare of Saco. He was universally respected by all the workers in the machine shop with which he has so long been connected and held in highest regard by officials.

Although public spirited and active for years in everything that had to do with the betterment of the city in which he had lived for

LEADING CITIZEN



EDMUND E. BLAKE.

so many years, he never sought public office, but some years ago at the earnest request of his fellow-citizens, he consented to become a candidate for alderman and was elected.

He will be greatly missed by the members of the Saco United Baptist church, of which he had been an active worker and a liberal contributor to all its benevolences.

The members of the family have the sympathy of hundreds of friends in their affliction.

He is survived by a wife, Clara S. Blake, two sons, Malcolm S., of Norwell, Mass., and Edmund G., of West Newton, Mass., one daughter, Mrs. Mary Stillman of Newtonville, Mass.; two brothers, Horace B., of Concord, N. H., and Kenneth Blake of New York, and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at his home 75 North street, at 1.30 Thursday afternoon and there will be a committal service at the grave in the family lot in Newton Center, the same afternoon at 5 o'clock.

APRIL 7, 1939.

R. D. Littlefield Died in New York

A telegram was received in Saco yesterday afternoon that the body of Ralph D. Littlefield, who died in New York, will be brought to Saco for burial in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery. Services will be held at the grave at Laurel Hill cemetery Saturday forenoon about 11 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend this service.

Mr. Littlefield was born, educated and lived in Saco before he went to New York some years ago and had a wide acquaintance in that city.

AUGUST 6, 1938.

BIDDEFORD POOL IS RICH IN HISTORY

Summer visitors are vitally interested in the romance and history that surrounds Biddeford Pool and surrounding resorts. Staid descendants of the original settlers still reside in the old homesteads on the winding road leading to the peninsular resort.

Even the islands just off the Pool must claim their share of attention. Wood island, with its government lighthouse, first erected in 1808. Champlain, when he sailed along the coast of Maine in 1603, named this rocky headland the Isle of Bacchus, because of its abundance of grape-vines. Since then, however, the island has been almost denuded of its foliage.

Then there is Stage Island, with its monument which antedates even Wood Island light. This shaft of stone was put there, it is believed, to aid mariners finding the channel of the Saco. Tragedy attended the construction of this when a laborer was killed in a fall from its summit.

Over on the mainland the visitor may be shown in the old Goldthwaite house. This, the oldest house in Saco and Biddeford, was built in 1716. It is also one of several so-called garrison houses of the state, since it was often used as a shelter during the Indian raids of that period.

Perhaps the most interesting of all in Biddeford is the Benjamin Haley house, the second oldest in that section. Built in the decade between 1720 and 1730, it occupies land that was granted, not deeded, to the first owner. Only once in the seven generations of this family has any portion of the property left their ownership, and this was for only a short space of time. Even then, but half the house and none of the land was involved in the transfer.

Benjamin Haley was an interesting character. He was generous. He donated ground a short way from his home and built the first meeting house on it at the Pool. A tablet on what is now called Burying Hill indicates the site of that church.

Benjamin was patriotic. He joined Sir William Pepperell in 1745 to go on the Louisburg Expedition. He never returned, and it is thought he died of fever. Previous to this expedition he had aided in building forts at Hollis, Brunswick, and numerous other places throughout the state.

Thomas Haley, grandfather of Benjamin, was a juror. His death was a tragic affair. It was in the days of Indian troubles,—in 1724, to be exact. Thomas had a peculiar sounding bell on one of his cows. One evening, when he was going out to pasture to drive home his cattle, this bell kept receding into the thicket. Sometime later, his family having become alarmed at his failure to return, set out to seek him. Poor Thomas was brought home in a basket! The Indians had used his cow bell as a means to lure him far from home. Then they had pounced upon him and hacked him to pieces. The very bushes where this incident is supposed to have taken place are

still pointed out to interested vacationists. Thomas' home was a structure built prior to the present one.

Probably the best known and most often related story in the annals of the Haley family also concerns the Indians. The men folks were all at work in the fields when the Indians paid a visit to the house. What did the women of the household do but procure a number of pumpkins and roll them down the attic stairs! This camouflage for the footsteps of many men frightened away the Red-skins.

One more Indian story.—A band of Indians, at another time, came to the house on a peaceful visit. The Haley of that time, mistaking the Indians' intentions, chased them away with a fire brand.

APRIL 18, 1939.

A WHILE BACK



Here is the answer. Granville H. Murphy moved from Lyman, where he was born and educated, to Saco, more than 40 years ago. He was a contractor and builder and, in later years, was employed in the carpenter department of the York Mfg. Co. He worked in Massachusetts for a while. He was at one time proprietor of the Carton Co., in Saco, but disposed of the business some time ago. He served as a deputy sheriff when Frank L. Irving was sheriff and as city marshal when the late John G. Smith was mayor. He is a member of Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city and of the Saco United Baptist church.

FORMER JERE G. SHAW LOST AT SEA



OCTOBER 18, 1930.

SCHOONER BUILT HERE GOES DOWN IN STORM OFF CAPE HATTERAS

**Former Jere G. Shaw Went Down with
Captain and Two Members of Crew—
Was Launched Here November 16, 1918
—Was Previously Abandoned in Storm
in 1920—Schooner Cost About \$110,000.**

Details of the sinking of the four-masted schooner Catherine G. Scott, which was built in this city and originally named the Jere G. Shaw, off Cape Hatteras and the drowning of the captain and two members of the crew were told by four survivors of the disaster brought to Boston Friday on the Standard Oil tank steamer Ario. Captain Scott, commander of the schooner; George Bridgits, 48, of 29 Market street, Cambridge, the cook, and Osmond Syms, a sailor from the British West Indies, went down with the schooner.

Those rescued were Robert Thompson of Nicaragua, the mate; Milton Brown of Norfolk; Anton Jose Anton of Cape Verde Islands, and Riley McLaughlin of the British West Indies.

The vessel, bound from La Vela da Cora, Venezuela, for Norfolk, with a cargo of 1,200 tons of fertilizer, went down so suddenly that the three men who lost their lives had no chance to save themselves.

The Catherine G. Scott, owned by L. A. Scott of Shumrock, Fla., a brother of the captain, left Venezuela, Sept. 18, and off the southern coast she encountered terrific storms, in the course of which she sprang a leak. This was on Oct. 2. The pumps were started and the leak diminished.

During the night of Oct. 13, another gale of unusual severity, was encountered and the leak, which had been gotten under control, started anew and the water poured into the hold. The pumps became clogged and at 6.30 a. m. the vessel went to the bottom. According to the statement of Mate Thompson, Captain Scott was engaged in work on the top of the cabin when the vessel foundered. Anton, one of the sailors, made a desperate effort to save the captain, and was himself dragged under by the vortex caused by the sinking schooner. He grabbed a rope from the lifeboat and managed to reach the surface, where he was pulled into

the boat by Brown and McLaughlin, who had jumped in when the schooner went down.

Thompson narrowly escaped death. Carried down with the vessel he started to climb the ratlines to the mainmast, and he went to the top, 120 feet, and then swam to the surface. He was under water three minutes.

Capt. L. Dahl, the commander of the Ario, on a passage from Beaumont, Tex., with a cargo of crude oil, sighted the sinking schooner at 6 a. m. and immediately changed the course of his vessel and hastened to the rescue of the crew. Before covering the intervening distance, a fog shut in, and for nearly half an hour the schooner was shut out from view of those on the steamer. It was during that period that the vessel went to the bottom carrying the three victims.

When the fog cleared the schooner was gone, but the lifeboat was discerned tossing in the sea. The Ario ran alongside, and the survivors were taken on board. They saved nothing but the clothes they had on.

The Ario was originally bound to Providence, but wireless orders were flashed to the captain to come to Boston instead.

The rescued men remained on board the steamer at East Boston until yesterday afternoon, where they were examined by an inspector from the immigration station. Later they were paid off at the office of the United States Shipping commissioner.

The cargo of the lost vessel was owned by Foss & Crabtree, of 141 Milk street, and was valued at \$24,000. It was uninsured.

The Catherine G. Scott, which was the contribution of the Biddeford shipyard on Water street during the war boat building activities, was launched here as the

Jere G. Shaw on November 16, 1918, before a crowd of about 3,500 persons, from the ways at the yard on Water street, the launching having been the center of quite a civic celebration. Mrs. Walter J. Gilpatric of Saco was the sponsor for the schooner.

Among those on board were Jere G. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shaw, Arthur Roberts and family of Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Fogg and daughter, Mrs. Robert Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mason, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Swaney, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton T. Moore and Roger Moore, Milton O. Dean and family, Arthur E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole, John A. Wilson, Misses Rose and Margaret Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Deering and Miss Dorothy Deering, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Kennon, Henry A. Berube, Captain William H. Gould, his wife and party of friends, Master Builder Dow and family, Mayor and Mrs. Minot, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Gilpatric and Miss Mary Kelley.

Estimates of the cost of the schooner were placed at the time as nearly \$110,000, about \$20,000 more than the highest preliminary estimate.

The work of clearing the yards for the schooner was started Oct. 22, 1917, by the Biddeford Shipbuilding company, the corporation formed to build the schooner. The keel was laid Jan. 24, 1918, 92 days from the time the work of clearing the yard was started. This keel was of oak obtained in Biddeford, Saco, Lyman and Dayton. It was 12 x 13 inches and 165 feet in length. The length of the schooner over all was 193 feet; beam, 36 feet; depth, 15 feet and 2 inches. The four masts were of

Oregon pine, 92 feet in length the top masts, also of Oregon pine, were 48 feet in length. The deck plank was all clear-white pine, obtained in this city. Her gross tonnage was 739 46-100 tons.

The schooner was rated A-1 for 15 years by the American bureau of shipping.

The schooner was rated A-1 for when launched to load at Portland with a cargo of shooks for the J. H. Hamlen & Son firm for carriage to Barbados and to return with a cargo of salt from Turks island.

The Jere G. Shaw went ashore early on the morning of Saturday, March 20, 1920, off Sand Point, Block Island, and was abandoned by the crew at that time. Coast Guards took off the crew with breeches buoy apparatus. The schooner was loaded with logwood and bound from St. Marie, Haiti, for New York at the time. It was thought then that the schooner would be a total loss.

After a short and profitable career, litigation arose and the schooner was sold at auction, several local men who had invested in the local company being reported at the time as having lost quite heavily in the venture.

AUGUST 25, 1931.

FORMER AGENT OF YORK MILLS DIED TODAY

**E. E. Chadbourne Rose
from Office Boy to
Head of Mills.**

Edward E. Chadbourne, widely known in cotton manufacturing circles throughout the state, who had been employed by the York Mfg. Co. for many years, entering the employ of the corporation in a humble position, as soon as he left school in his early teens, and advancing step by step until he became agent of the textile plant, one of the largest in Maine, died at his home, 481 Main street, Saco, this forenoon at 9:15.

His sickness dates back to more than four years ago, when he underwent an operation at a Boston hospital. He was told at the time by the operating surgeon that he probably could not live more than five years at the longest. Not long after he relinquished his duties as agent, since which time he had been serving the company in an advisory capacity. Some months ago the attending physician decided that it would be necessary for Mr. Chadbourne to undergo another operation, and this time he went to the Webber hospital. He recovered from the effects of the operation and was able to get about, but gradually he had been failing and for weeks had been confined to his home.

Scores and scores of devoted friends in Saco, Biddeford and textile executives in New England cities, as well as hundreds of workers now employed, and formerly on the pay-roll of the York, learned of his death with the deepest sorrow.

Relatives and his intimate acquaintances had realized since his first operation the gravity of his condition and that his death might

be expected at almost any time, although he might survive for several years. All through his sickness his courage and patience had been wonderful. He never complained but faced the situation fairly and squarely, going around as usual with a smile on his face and a cheery greeting to all his friends. A stranger to see him driving his car or meeting him on the street would never have realized his condition. He attended meetings of the Rotary club of which he was a member, took an active part in the social functions, played golf quite frequently and performed his duties in an advisory capacity for the York.

Mr. Chadbourne was born in Saco August 18, 1868, the son of Joseph F. and Annie Chadbourne. He received his education in the Saco public schools. As soon as he finished his studies he went to work in the York counting room as office boy. He was soon given a clerkship. He was in his teens at the time. He performed his duties with such fidelity and diligence that he attracted the attention of his superiors to such a degree that when Lucius L. Milliken, paymaster for years, got through, he was appointed as his successor. He was admittedly the best paymaster that the York ever had in the years it has been operating. He served under several agents. When Agent Elmer E. Page died in February, 1921, Mr. Chadbourne was made agent of the plant and served as such until 1927, since which time he has been acting in an advisory capacity for the corporation and until the plant was taken over by the New England Industries, Inc., was clerk of the company.

In the death of Mr. Chadbourne the municipality is bereft of a citizen of the type which every community no matter how large or how small values most highly. His most intimate friends recognized him as an ideal man in his home and those who knew him less closely were always impressed with his admirable qualities as a citizen. He was in the broadest sense a successful self-made man.

He had started in as runner boy in a thrifty manufacturing plant and worked through all the branches to paymaster, and then to agent. In the various capacities he met with great success and developed qualities of leadership and executive ability that won warm praise from both treasurer and directors. He was a conspicuous example of the type of employee who gave his first thought to the company in everything. He never shirked a duty or responsibility. During the many years he was with the company, he knew most of the workers by name and stood with them and for them.

He was the possessor of a pleasing personality, which secured the cooperation of those working under him, and made for him many staunch friends both in and out of the company.

To his more intimate friends he had for years been known as "Chad." Honesty was a quality by which he was ever known, and he was faithful to his responsibilities to the last degree required. He was a great lover of casual chat or banter and of friendly comment. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress. Among his closest friends he was loyal and true, and he will be long remembered by those who enjoyed his companionship and cherished his friendship. He was

never identified with any fraternal organization, although he was a member of both the Saco and Biddeford Country club and of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club. He will be greatly missed by the members of the latter organization, as he never missed a meeting except when his physical condition made it impossible for him to be present.

He was a great lover of outdoor sports and attended the base-

ball and football games in the two cities whenever it was possible. He was an ardent rooter for Thornton academy teams. He was one of the first to play golf in the city and greatly enjoyed the out-door pastime. Although deeply interested in politics he never sought political honors devoting all his time and energy to his duties in the York. He was interested in everything that had anything to do with the welfare of his native city. For some years after his marriage he made his home on Elm street this city, but after being appointed agent moved to the agent's house at the corner of North and Main street in Saco, where he lived until he took up his residence at 481 Main street.

Members of his family are grief stricken by his death and have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. Expressions of sorrow have been received by them from all sources today.

He is survived by one son, Paul E. Chadbourne and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Evans.

Besides the son and daughter, Mr. Chadbourne is survived by a sister, Mrs. Jennie Worthley of Portland and two grandsons, Edward and John.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be private. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Introducing Ex-City Marshal E. D. Thomas, for years engaged in the retail grocery trade in Saco, who is making an exclusive broadcast for Journal readers today, from his home studio at Long Beach, Calif., which municipality has grown from a diminutive seaside village to a metropolitan year-round city of 142,000 in a few years. "Hullo Saco folks. Glad to meet you after all these years. Do you remember the old race horses in Saco and Biddeford, and the old York county fair, where speedy nags trotted around the one-third of a mile race track on Beach street, every autumn. It was a great fair, one of the best in the state in those days, and looked forward to with keenest anticipation by grownups as well as the youngsters in the two cities. Honest Tom, a white horse, was owned and driven by Samuel Chase a grocer. He was one of the best trotting horses in the state at that time, and was never known to make a break or skip in a race. Honest Tom had many a race with Black Ralph, owned by Stephen Gowen of Biddeford, and he always came out on top. It was Saco against Biddeford with Saco always in the lead. I used to watch Honest Tom race when I was a boy, and years afterwards I drove him on

a grocery cart. I also remember in the winter when Joseph G. Weymouth used to lead Saco and Biddeford races down the snow path on Main street with Spike Quartette. Another horse was owned by Hiram Harmon of Saco. He was a good race horse in his day, and I saw him win a great race at the Old Orchard kite track. George Livingston was the driver. Another old timer was Lonesome Rubin, owned by Cant. George V. Jordan of Saco. Franklin P., owned by Franklin Nourse, at that time agent of the York Mfg. Co. in Saco, was first used as a family horse by Mr. Nourse, but afterwards he was raced over a half-mile track in different parts of the country. My time is up, so goodbye folks."

APRIL 6, 1939.

A WHILE BACK



This first line should tell you the identity of this man. He was the first chairman of an important state commission. The picture was taken sometime before, however, when he graduated from Biddeford high in 1885. It should remove any doubts from your mind when you know that he was judge of the municipal court for quite a while. You can check up on your guess on page 5.

Solution: The man is Benjamin F. Cleaves, appointed to the first board of public utilities commissioners by Governor Haines. At the present he is the secretary of the Associated Industries of Maine. While in Biddeford, Judge Cleaves was head of the law firm of Cleaves, Emery and Waterhouse. He has not been living in Biddeford for many years, but he is prominent in several organizations and businesses in Portland and Augusta.

NOVEMBER 18, 1938.

S. L. PARCHER DIED SUDDENLY

Retired Teacher Was Making Home in South

Samuel Leon Parcher, a former resident of this city, one of three members of Phillips Exeter academy faculty who retired in June under the newly instituted teachers retirement plan, died suddenly yesterday at Southern Pines, N. C., where he had been making his home.

Mr. Parcher was born in this city and prepared for college at Biddeford high. In 1892 he received his A. B. from Bowdoin college. The following year Mr. Parcher took pre-medical courses at the Maine Medical school, then a part of Bowdoin college, and at the Portland School for Medical Instruction. He also taught for a while in the schools of Ogunquit and in this city.

In 1894 Mr. Parcher began a 21-



SAMUEL L. PARCHER.

year connection with the Light and Power company, then the York Light and Heat Co., and after the consolidation, the Cumberland County Power and Light Co., and with the local branch of the Middle West Utilities Co., when he was for a number of years superintendent in this city. In October, 1918, Mr. Parcher went to Exeter to teach physics.

He was the son of Samuel F. and Laura Parcher of this city.

Besides his wife, Mr. Parcher leaves a sister, Mrs. Ethel Gibbin, Lakeview, N. C. and two brothers, Harold, North Dana, Mass., and Lawrence, of Massachusetts.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 865 Main street, Saco.

Mr. Parcher was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends here. After retiring from Phillips Exeter academy he returned here for a short time to visit, after which he went to North Carolina. He was apparently in excellent health when here, and friends learned today of his sudden death with great surprise and expressed profound sorrow.

APRIL 4, 1938.

Mrs. N. J. Worthley Died Saturday in Portland

Word was received by relatives in Saco, late Saturday, of the death in Portland of Mrs. Jennie H. Worthley, 74, wife of Nathaniel J. Worthley, of that city.

Mrs. Worthley, who for some years was a resident of Saco, had a wide circle of friends in that city, who learned with sorrow of her death.

She was born at Newport, Me., the daughter of Joseph and Ann Vincent Chadbourne.

She spent her girlhood in Saco, where her father was a well-known citizen. She was graduated from Thornton academy and subsequently studied music in Boston. She became a prominent singer in the Massachusetts city and sang in the choirs of several Boston churches.

Her first marriage was to Rev. John Greene of Newburgh, N. Y., for many years pastor of the Newburgh Unitarian church, which counted among its members Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt, mother of the president. Following her first husband's death, Mrs. Worthley returned to Saco. Mr. and Mrs. Worthley were married 25 years ago. They lived in Westbrook for a short period and for the past 23 years lived in Portland.

Mrs. Worthley is survived by several nieces and nephews, in addition to her husband. A brother, Edward Chadbourne, who was agent of the York mills, died a few years ago.

Mrs. Worthley was an active member of the First Parish church in Portland. She was active in Portland musical and literary circles and was a member of the Women's Literary Union and of the Longfellow Garden club.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. today, at 749 Congress street, Portland. Interment was in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

MAY 15, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

As a group of Biddeford citizens were discussing mathematics yesterday one of the number, who has for years been prominent in local activities, recalled that George McIntire, who died some two score years ago, was perhaps the most expert in figures of any man that ever lived in the city. Born, reared, educated and always a resident of Biddeford, he did little during his life but work out intricate problems in mathematics on the slate he carried under his arm, together with an arithmetic. He was a picturesque figure, wearing in winter and summer a heavy overcoat that reached almost to his heels. In his other hand he always carried a little tin pail. While many never knew what this pail contained the Old Settler is told that it was filled with baked beans he obtained at the old Calderwood bake shop on Main street. Sometimes he would have a loaf of bread un-

der his arm. He is described as a natural born mathematician. There were few problems in the arithmetic that he could not work out on his slate in a short time. His art of computation by figures was known to students in the high school and Thornton academy, and when there was a particularly difficult problem in algebra in the day's lesson some of them who were acquainted with Mr. McIntire would go to him for aid. This branch of mathematics, which investigates the relations and properties by means of letters and other symbols, was as easy as A B C to him, it is said.

The story is told of a student at Thornton who got stuck one day with his lesson in algebra and sought out McIntire, who quickly solved the problem on his slate. The youngster copied it and passed it in to Daniel E. Owen, an instructor at that time at the academy. Mr. Owen, who was a bit skeptical that the student had been able to work out the problem so quickly, inquired how he had done it. The boy was unable to explain, as the problem was all Greek to him, and finally confessed that Mr. McIntire had done the figuring. Mr. Owen said that such a problem was usually included in the fourth year course at Yale college.

Mr. McIntire was also deeply interested in astronomy and was well versed in the planets. It is stated that on clear warm nights in the summer he would go to some field in the outskirts of the city where he would spend the night lying on his back studying the stars.

OCTOBER 22, 1938.

FRANK CLEMENT DIED TODAY

May Have Been the Oldest Grocer in United States

Frank Clement, well-known Old Orchard Beach grocer, and formerly in business in this city, prominent in fraternal organizations for several years, died this morning at his home, 7 Fountain avenue, Old Orchard Beach. His age was 88 years, seven months and 19 days.

He leaves two cousins, Mrs. Helen Cram of Baldwin, and Stephen McKee of Beverly, Mass.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Mr. Clement, one of the oldest men in York county, was born in Gorham, March 3, 1850, the son of Hanson and Susan (Pierce) Clement. His father and mother both died when he was a boy, and at an early age he was thrown on his own resources. His first start in business was in 1868, 69 years ago, when he opened a meat and provision store on Alfred street, Biddeford. Undoubtedly Mr. Clement was one of the oldest grocers in the United States. In 1876, 61 years ago, Mr. Clement opened his first grocery store in Old Orchard, having purchased the business from "Al" Emery, of Old Orchard street. Later Mr. Clement disposed of this store to

Millard F. Porter. Later proprietor of a store on Washington avenue, where J. Kenneth Son are now located. That was about 50 years ago. Then Mr. Clement purchased the Fish Market on Union avenue and operated successfully for several years, selling out to his brother, P. Clement, nearly 25 years ago. Altogether Mr. Clement has owned ten different stores in Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard. One time Mr. Clement owned a fine farm on the Loudon road, Saco, now owned by Arthur G. Gustin. He has owned several parcels of valuable real estate in Old Orchard Beach.

Mr. Clement had the distinction of being the oldest member of the Dunlap lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Biddeford, and the oldest member of the Lanes lodge of Odd Fellows. For 60 years he was a staunch Republican, having voted first for president of the United States in 1860 when General U. S. Grant was the Republican candidate for president and Senator Henry W. Adams of Massachusetts was candidate for vice president.

He married Miss Hester, one of the five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Foss. She was a native of Old Orchard and was born on the Foss homestead located at the corner of Washington avenue and the T for Turner street. Mrs. Clement died several years ago. They had no children.

JULY 7, 1931.

Edward H. Gilman Died Last Night in Portland Hospital

Hundreds of Saco citizens were saddened with deepest sorrow today by the death during the night of Edward H. Gilman, for many years a resident of Saco, although in recent years he had passed the winters with Mrs. Gilman at a Portland hotel. He had been in poor health for some time and was feared when he was taken to the hospital that he would not survive. His age was 79 years, one month and 12 days.

He was born in Peabody, the son of Albert H. and Whitney Gilman. Later he came to Saco with his parents. His father was engaged in business on Mechanic street for some years under the name of Gilman Shop, and Mr. Gilman was years associated with his father.

He was not affiliated with any fraternal organization. He was attendant at the Saco First Baptist Congregational church. He was interested in all things pertaining to the welfare of the city and his adoption. He never sought political honors. He was diligent in the life's duties he was upon to fulfill. He was kind, courteous and frank and was in all his transactions.

He leaves a wife and two sons, William A. Gilman of Saco and Arthur C. Gilman of Waterville, Conn.; one daughter, Mrs. Patterson of Portland, and a son, George W. Gilman, of Saco, man street, Saco.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 66 Main street, Saco, and will be private. Friends are requested to call between 12 and 1 o'clock and are asked to omit flowers.

OCTOBER 8, 1931.

J. M. DEERING DIED IN SACO EARLY TODAY

Cattle Commissioner in Maine—Prominent in Public Life.

Hon. John M. Deering, widely-known throughout the state, who had served the public in many capacities, and while cattle commissioner conducted a tuberculosis campaign to stamp out disease among Maine cattle, died at his home on the Boom road in Saco this morning.

His illness dates back to the first week in September when an infection in a foot made it necessary for him to have one of his toes amputated. Later he was obliged to go to the Webber hospital where he had a piece of bone taken out of the foot. While his condition following the removal of the piece of bone was satisfactory at first complications developed which caused the attending physician to fear that he would not recover. About a week ago he was taken to his home on the Boom road since which time he had been slowly growing weaker. From his pioneer ancestors he had inherited a sturdy constitution and had it not been for the infection to his foot there is every reason to believe he would have lived to be as old as his father, who was 95 years when he died.

Mr. Deering was born in Waterboro, on March 17, 1844, the son of William and Frances Kinney Deering. When he was quite young, the family came to Saco, where the father purchased the old Frost place on the Boom road, one of the finest farms in York county at the time.

The farm consists of 200 acres of land running back a mile from the Saco river and extremely fertile. Here the greater part of Mr. Deering's life had been passed, and even when in public life he always gave his personal attention to his herds, and to tilling the land.

His political career began years ago when he was elected an alderman from his ward and served for several years, being re-elected each year by a large majority. In 1884, he was appointed a member of the old State Board of Agriculture, where he served with distinction for six years. At that time and through the efforts of the late Rutillus Alden of Winthrop, the old board was abolished, and the present commission system established.

In 1890, Mr. Deering was elected to the lower house of the legislature to represent the city of Saco, and after one term he was elected to the senate. Up to 1891, agriculture had received a raw deal from the legislature, as in no year had this basic industry received more than \$10,000. It was through his efforts that the salary of the secretary of the old board of agriculture was increased from \$600 to \$1,500. Up to that time the annual agricultural report had been printed in little pamphlets, but Mr. Deering by presenting the matter in the legisla-

ture, had 4,000 copies printed in book form and in cloth, and this was a long stride in recognizing the agricultural interests of Maine. Then came the building of the new annex to the State House and a desirable quarter in that section was wanted by agriculture.

This was in 1891 and when the demand was presented the committee on public property made an emphatic refusal. They declared that agriculture must go up in the attic. This fired the blood of Mr. Deering and he stripped for the fray. Chairman Parker of Belfast was appealed to but he merely laughed and explained that the room in question was wanted by the judiciary committee. The fight was then on in the house and agriculture, led by the Saco man, won and took possession of the coveted room.

As a matter of fact he won every bill he championed in the house. Then came the special tax committee, and Mr. Deering was given a place on that body as the representative of the farming interests. This was the first committee of that kind ever appointed in Maine, as previous to that time the corporations had everything their own way.

The committee worked on the bill all winter and the result was known as the "corporation tax bill." By a well-nigh unanimous decision the corporations were brought to the ring-bolt and on the last day of the session they commanded a clear majority in the house. Then the corporation lawyers saw their chance to get in their fine work, and a motion was made to adjourn until afternoon. At the time of adjournment the bill was safe by a good margin and had the vote been taken then a clear majority would have been commanded. During the noon hour work was done by the corporations, and when the vote was taken in the afternoon the big capitalists won by a single vote. This was in 1891. Mr. Deering and his assistants were subdued but not crushed. In 1893 he was elected to the senate and at once took up the fight for a better system of taxation. The cause of the previous defeat was that the entire tax reform was included in one bill.

This was cut up into 11 bills and Mr. Deering was again on the committee. Another vigorous fight was made and this time eight of the 11 bills were passed by the house and senate, and signed by the governor. This included all the real substance of tax reform and was a victory for the people.

By this time the grange was waking up, and the Maine State grange appointed a legislative committee. As Mr. Deering had been an active granger for years he was

al bills were presented to the legislature, everyone of which was passed by large majorities.

At the expiration of the term of Thomas Daggett, as cattle commissioner of Maine, Gov. Cleaves appointed Mr. Deering to fill the vacancy. At that time bovine tuberculosis was running unchecked among the dairy herds of Maine. Commissioner Deering at once took up educating the agriculturists to this danger, and the necessity of its eradication. It was slow and uphill work, but during the entire 18 years, Mr. Deering held that office he never turned aside or swerved in the labor. He was both secretary and treasurer of the board for 12 years of the time he served, and his influence was both widespread and powerful.

During this great tuberculosis educational campaign, Commission-

er Deering was in close touch with many of the greatest experts in the country. One of the outstanding of these was Dr. Leonard Pearson of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1908, he invited Commissioner Deering to prepare a paper on bovine tuberculosis to be read before the international conference, to be held at the University of Pennsylvania that year. Not less than 32 countries were represented at that conference, by the greatest experts in the world. Such a conference had never been held before in the world, and it was a notable event. While it would take 50 minutes to read the speech Mr. Deering had prepared, it was announced when the session opened that all speeches must be cut to 15 minutes. When Mr. Deering's turn came, he read 15 minutes, and then appealed to the delegates to be allowed to finish. Those present all shouted "go ahead," and he read to the end. This speech was printed in full in the records of that con-

gress. Mr. Pearson announced after the convention that Maine was way ahead of other states in the method of eradicating bovine tuberculosis, and this statement was printed in his annual report. For more than 26 years Mr. Deering had held an executive office in one thing or another. He was road commissioner in his district in Saco for years and built the best road of any man that ever served as commissioner on the Boom road. After he reached the age of 80 years he served in that capacity and carried on the work in addition to looking after his many farm duties.

In speaking of the tuberculosis fight he made for the state during the years he was cattle commissioner, Mr. Deering said, not long ago, "When I left the office, tuberculosis was under our thumb in Maine."

The news of the death of Mr. Deering was received by his hundreds of friends in York county, and in different sections of the state with keenest sorrow. Although he had been engaged in farming all his life, he had also served the public in various capacities, and was always vitally interested in everything that had to do with the betterment of Saco. He discharged all his public duties with signal ability. Faithful and efficient in whatever capacity he was called upon to serve, he was universally respected and esteemed by his fellowmen, who relied on his well-balanced judgment and discretion. By the death of Mr. Deering the municipality is bereft of a citizen, which every city values highly, and which no community can lose without feeling the loss keenly.

He was a citizen, patriotic and true, and in private life a pleasant, kind and genial companion. Rarely has the death of a Saco citizen brought deeper sorrow to a community than that of Mr. Deering, and this was shown by the expressions of regret heard today on the street and in the homes. While he was getting along in years, he was so energetic and sprightly and so vitally interested in everything that pertained to his farm and his other activities, that few realized that he was nearing the four score and ten mark. He had always been strongly attached to his family and to his friends. He had a large number of acquaintances throughout the county and state who will be grieved to learn of his death. Honest and upright in all of his dealings with

his fellowmen, he won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. To him there was no place like home, and in that place he was idolized by all. Such a man and such a citizen cannot well be spared and he leaves a vacant chair that can never be filled.

He was interested in state and national issues as well as local problems. During the years he served as a cattle commissioner, as a state senator, as alderman, as representative, and as road commissioner, people trusted his judgment and turned to him for advice and aid.

An old-time friend today in speaking of Mr. Deering, said: "His death has left a gap that will be hard to fill, not only among his relatives, but in the community at large. Maine needs more men of the old-fashioned type; rugged, staunch, sturdy, honest and public-spirited. Possessing to a remarkable degree sterling qualities and virtue, his memory will ever be an influence over all who knew and esteemed him. No man was ever more steadfast in his friendships or more generous in helping his fellowmen in distress. What he did in this, as well as in other lines, he did quietly and effectively without the blare of trumpets, or any attempt or desire for the plaudits of the multitude outside the circle of his own life. You can say that he was a man in all that the word implies, and while active politically for years, he never lowered his dignity by stooping to the ways and wiles of some politicians."

Mr. Deering married Miss Amelia Harmon of Saco, and to the couple nine children were born. Mrs. Deering died a few years ago. The seven children who survive Mr. Deering are: Judge John P. Deering of Saco, Fred H. and Charles A. Deering of Portland, Mrs. Rose Goodwin of Saco, Mrs. Frances Campbell of Kennebunkport, Miss Lucy Deering and Miss Edna A. Deering of Saco.

He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Myra D. Chapin and Mrs. Lilla J. Moses, both of Saco.

Friends may call between 12 and 1 o'clock.

The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the late residence of Mr. Deering on the Boom road in Saco, and will be private.

FEBRUARY 4, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Years and years ago Barrows' pump on the Portland road, Saco, near the corner of Ocean Park avenue and the Portland road was a historic spot in a way. It received its name from the Barrows family that lived nearby. There was an old wooden pump and watering trough beside the road where many people driving in that vicinity watered their horses. One of the popular diversions on a pleasant Sunday was to walk from the compact part of the city to Barrows pump. It was about a mile from the city hall, and the trip to the pump and back was a good constitutional. The old landmark is now a thing of the past, and many of the younger generation never heard of Barrows pump.

P. I. DINAN. LOCAL JEWELER, TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, Muin street, Saco.

AUGUST 19, 1929.

N. H. PILLSBURY, G. A. R. VETERAN, DIES SUDDENLY

**Former Commander of
State and Local
War Posts.**

Nahum H. Pillsbury, formerly of this city, former state department commander of the G. A. R., and



NAHUM H. PILLSBURY

probably one of the most widely known Civil war veterans in Maine, died suddenly Sunday morning at the summer home of his daughter, Mrs. Grace T. Leavitt, Little Diamond Island, Portland harbor. His age was 50 years, ten months and 18 days.

Mr. Pillsbury was born in Shapleigh, the son of Tobias and Susan Leavitt Pillsbury, October 1, 1843. During the Civil war he enlisted in Co. 1 of the 17th Maine regiment, infantry, and was discharged in July, 1865, for physical disability on account of injuries in the service. He saw active service in nearly all of the important engagements of the war.

When a young man Mr. Pillsbury entered the employ of the Peppercell mills and rose to the position of overseer of the carpenter shop and box making department of the Laconia division, remaining in the employ of the company for more than half a century and his name was placed on the company honor rolls when he retired about two years ago. After his retirement he went to Portland to make his home with his daughter.

Mr. Pillsbury was commander of Sheridan post G. A. R. of this city and a past commander of the state department of the G. A. R. He was honored by being appointed a member of the delegation by the governor to go to Washington, D. C., to return the Confederate flag captured by the Maine infantry.

He was a member of Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows, and Dunlap lodge of Masons of this city, and a member of the Second Congregational church. In Portland he attended the Williston Congregational church. For years he was one of the most prominent and active members of Sheridan post of the city.

The body was brought from Little Diamond Island Sunday by Dennett & Craig, Saco undertakers.

Mr. Pillsbury was one of the three living charter members of Adah chapter, O. E. S., of this city.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Grace T. Leavitt, of Portland, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Bert C. Preston of Armada, Michigan, a sister, Mrs. Rosamond H. Phippen of Somerville, Mass., and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held in Laurel Hill chapel in Saco Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock daylight time.

AUGUST 19, 1929.

H. I. LIBBY TAKEN BY DEATH IN ROCHESTER

**Saco-Lowell Official
Dies Suddenly from
Embolism.**

Herbert I. Libby, employment agent at the Saco-Lowell, whose home was at 143 Pool street, died Sunday afternoon at 12.15 o'clock at a hospital in Rochester, N. Y., where he was taken two weeks ago Monday following an automobile accident in which he sustained injuries consisting of a broken collar bone, fractured rib and shattered shoulder. He was believed to be making satisfactory recovery with the expectation that he would be able to leave the hospital within a few days, when embolism developed and his death soon followed.

The news of his death came early Sunday afternoon in the form of a dispatch received at the family home, Mrs. Libby being prostrated by the suddenness of the blow, while relatives and friends, who soon became acquainted with it were profoundly shocked, and on all sides during the remainder of the day expressions of deep sorrow were to be heard.

The passing of Mr. Libby is generally regarded as a distinct loss locally, not only by the company in which he was for many years employed and by his associates at the Saco-Lowell, by whom he was held in high esteem, but by a great circle of friends who appreciated his many admirable qualities and placed a high estimate on his friendship. Mr. Libby had through his own ability and exertions risen to a position of prominence at the Saco-Lowell, and this fact, combined with natural accomplishments, made for him a place of established regard with those brought into contact with him either in a business or social way. His outstanding attributes found expression in various ways and were recognized in whatever direction his associations placed him.

Mr. Libby was born in Biddeford 57 years ago last March, and was a son of Mrs. Lizzie Tarbox and the late Cyrus Libby. He attended the public schools and entering the University of Maine, was graduated from that institution in 1898. He was a member of the Phi Gamma society. Following his graduation he enlisted for the Spanish-American war, being stationed at Chickamauga. In the fall of that year he returned to his home and entered the employ of the Saco-Lowell company in the draughting department, after which he was transferred to take charge of the tool repair job. After a few months he was further advanced and was made master mechanic, which position he held for several years until 1915, when he was appointed employment agent and placed

at the head of standards, retaining this office until his death.

Mr. Libby has for a number of years been one of the most prominent men in the activities of the Second Congregational church, being at one time superintendent of the Sunday school and clerk of the society. He always manifested a deep interest in church work. His activities were also shown in various movements tending to the betterment of his native city. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Maud M. Freeman, daughter of Prentiss A. and the late Mrs. Freeman, and five children, Carl Libby of Newark, N. J., Miss Eleanor Libby, private secretary to a prominent Episcopal clergyman of Batavia, N. Y., Donald and Paul students at the University of Maine, and Mary, a student at Biddeford high school. He also leaves a grandchild.

The body is expected to be brought to this city Tuesday, arriving at noon, and the funeral services will be held at the Pool street home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Libby had gone to New York on the first vacation he had taken in many years and it was his intention to return by auto, accompanying his daughter Eleanor, who had planned to spend a summer holiday at her home. While in Rochester two weeks ago Monday he met by appointment a friend by the name of Cook at one time an employee of the Saco-Lowell, and while they were driving in Mr. Cook's car to inspect a steel plant in Rochester, a young woman drove her car down a side street and ran into the Cook car, the collision resulting in the injuries that terminated in Mr. Libby's unexpected death.

Mrs. Libby refrained from going on to Rochester upon receiving intelligence of the accident, being assured that her husband's injuries were not serious but that he would speedily recover, and only Sunday morning she received a letter from Mr. Libby, written the day before, in which he wrote of the fine recovery he was making and that he expected to be discharged from the hospital within a few days.

AUGUST 25, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Few of the summer vacationists at Old Orchard Beach are aware that Staples Inn at that resort is 201 years old, having been built in 1730 on land which was a part of the grant made by the King of England to Richard Bonython, the first settler of the seaside community. It is situated at the head of Old Orchard street, right across the street from Town hall. The walls in the oldest part of the building still contain the bricks and mortar put into them by the builder in order to make them bullet-proof. The Indians at that time were not friendly with the white settlers and during the Indian war, before the Revolution, the house suffered somewhat from their depredations. The ghost, which in the early days haunted the dwelling, was laid when workmen, in repairing the foundation years later, discovered a curious-chapel rock in the wall beneath the owner's room, which, when the wind blew from the north gave forth weird sounds, which had caused credulous people to declare was made by a ghost.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1938

1938 Thornton on Graduates



Dorothy Bowie



Barbara Gowen



Annie Momma



Benard Colpitts



Paul Hazelton



Laura Haymon



Helen Alexander



Dorothy Bean



Grayce Dowd



Kenneth Johnson



Arthur Bassnett



Hester Evans



Marland Milliken



Thomas Moore



Bettina Goodier



John Ivers



Mildred Garon



Marjorie Achorn



Gideon Abbott



Mary Emmons



Evelyn Sashers



Donald Stevenson



Lorraine Rowell

HISTORY OF SACO. Libraries.

Saco, in the very early days, as, as it always continued, an intelligent, refined community, the people making good use of any opportunities and educational advantages that came in their way. Hence, they began to be interested in libraries at an early date.

The first library in town available to the public was established in 1790 and was known as the Social library. The Hon. Ether Shepley, afterward chief justice of the supreme court of Maine, lived in Saco and acted as librarian. When Judge Shepley moved to Portland, John Fairfield, later on member of congress and governor of Maine, became librarian.

The first library contained 166 volumes and the titles of a few will indicate the serious character of the contents. Under the head of history were Rollin's Ancient History, Ferruson's Roman Republic, and Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. Poetry was represented and Ossian's poems, Milton's Paradise Lost, Shakespeare and Cowper were included. A few classics appeared among the fiction; Rasse-las and Tom Jones, which were doubtless a "restricted shelf," and the Vicar of Wakefield.

In the list of periodicals was a copy of the London Spectator, a little late, for sailing ships were slow. Citizens of the World and the Junius Letters, which at that time were much read and discussed.

These are but a few of the 166 titles, but enough to indicate the class of books provided for patrons of the Social library.

In 1805 in the "Freeman's Friend," the first paper published in either Saco or Biddeford, the following advertisement appeared:

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

"The subscriber informs the inhabitants of Saco that it is his intention to keep a circulating library at his office in Saco, and should such encouragement be given as will warrant it, shall make such additions to the present assortment of books as will render it worthy of their attention."

A list of about 60 volumes follows, the names of which are all unfamiliar to people living at present; none of them being what we regard as classics. The date of this advertisement was August 21, 1805. William Weeks, the proprietor of the "Freeman's Friend," moved to Portland, paper, library and all his belongings, in 1807 and no further facts concerning the matter are available.

The next library of which record is found was one established by the York Manufacturing company in 1840 for the use of the operatives, who were then English-speaking people entirely. The charge to each patron was 12½ cents per quarter, to be devoted to the renewal and repair of the books.

The Saco and Biddeford Mechanics Institute was organized in 1841 by residents of both towns. There were 75 members and the library contained 3,000 volumes. It was located in the old Water Power block, Saco, but was soon moved to Biddeford.

The Saco Athenaeum was established in 1844, for the town was desirous of owning a library

that should be a permanent possession. The membership fee was \$10 and a yearly fee of \$2 was charged for expenses and new books. The former Social library gave its books to the Athenaeum for a beginning; 800 new books were added and the membership began with a list of 57 names. Rev. J. T. G. Nichols, pastor and pastor emeritus for many years of the Saco Unitarian church, was president for years, and a valuable library was secured. This collection occupied a building opposite the city hall; the lower floor was used for a school and the second story contained the library.

During its life the Athenaeum occupied several different homes; one over the old Saco bank and at another period it was housed in the Calfe block. Judge George A. Emery was librarian of the Athenaeum, and when the Dyer library was opened these books were given to the new institution.

The history of the Dyer library reads like a romance and deserves to be related at some length. Oliver Dyer was born in Saco in 1806. When he was 16 years old he went to Boston to seek employment, as many New England boys have done. For a time he attended school in a town near Boston, working out of school hours to support himself. He left school and moved into the city proper and for two years worked as a porter, delivering bundles and light articles in a hand-cart. At last he secured a position as clerk in a provision store and finally, as so many romances read, he became a partner in the business and prospered, becoming wealthy.

In 1854 he retired from business and returned to Saco, building a brick house on the Portland road. While he was still a young man, back in 1829, he had married Miss Olivia Drew of Kennebunk. After living on the Portland road for a time, he moved to a house on School street, a brick dwelling, near the Unitarian church, which much later was owned and occupied by the late Luther R. Moore, a lawyer, and at one time mayor of Saco. Mr. Dyer was himself mayor of the city in 1871 and passed away in 1872.

Oliver Dyer left no children and his widow inherited the whole estate without any restrictions. She was well aware of her deceased husband's wishes, as to the ultimate use of his property, which were that eventually his estate should be used to benefit the people of Saco and was in full sympathy with him. Soon after his death she executed a will, giving the whole, or nearly all the estate, for a free library for the city of Saco. Mrs. Dyer died in 1879 and Saco citizens should never forget the names of these two people. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dyer, who made possible the splendid Dyer library of which Saco and its people are so justly proud. A charter for the Dyer Library association was granted in January, 1881. In May, 1881, the trustees under the will of Mrs. Dyer paid over to the association the sum of \$36,513.

Among other bequests to this Saco institution, the late Cornelius Sweetser left \$10,000 to the Dyer library. In 1893 George E. Means, a Saco young man, left by will an estate that netted \$8,780 to the library, to be used when needed toward a library building.

The Dyer library at first occupied a room in the rear end of the street floor of the city building at a merely nominal rent, but another

generous and public-spirited woman, realizing the lack of a suitable building, came to the rescue.

The late John C. Bradbury, a well-known figure in Saco, was an able financier. It was Mr. Bradbury, who, in 23 years, increased the funds of Thornton academy of the old days from a little over \$15,000 to \$91,000, making possible the new Thornton academy. Mr. Bradbury passed away, leaving a widow, Mrs. Sarah C. Bradbury, mistress of his estate. This very generous woman erected a fine building in memory of her husband and presented it to the Dyer Library association, which took possession in October, 1893.

The architect was Horace G. Wadlin, afterward librarian at the Boston Public library. The list of librarians at the Dyer library follows: Mrs. Lane, 1881-1892, when her assistant, Mrs. S. C. Tucker, served until the election of the late John Haley to the post of librarian. Mr. Haley and Miss Nellie M. Smith were the first officers in the new Dyer library and Mr. Haley served nearly 30 years. During his term the circulation more than doubled and the children's room in the second story was opened.

Mr. Haley's health failed and he was obliged to relinquish the work. After an illness of several months he passed away, much regretted by all. He was a mine of local information and kept very valuable records of city matters. In preparing the present series of articles, "The History of Saco," the writer is much indebted to his daughter, Miss Adelaide Haley, who has furnished copious notes of events, dates and town meetings taken from his record books.

In 1921 Miss Jane Lord Burbank, a native of Saco, a college graduate, teacher and graduate of the famous library school in Albany, N. Y., was made librarian. Miss Burbank was well equipped for the position, which demands in these days of modern library methods so much more than formerly. With the approval and support of Frank C. Deering, president, and the board of trustees, Miss Burbank reorganized the library and introduced new ideas. Her worth was recognized and other libraries began to bid for her services, and in 1925 Miss Burbank resigned to accept the position of librarian in the Baxter library in Portland.

Miss Ruth Proctor is now the popular and efficient librarian with several assistants. Miss Nellie M. Smith is not simply a member of the staff, she is an institution in herself and has been connected with the Dyer library more years than it is quite courteous to mention. If there is such a degree as "librarian emeritus" she should certainly have the same conferred upon her and there should be an endowment for such an office.

The children's room was opened in 1914, with Miss Meribah Keefe, a graduate of Thornton, in charge of that department, but she left later to fill a similar post in Springfield, Mass. Miss Constance Moore followed her and then Miss Frances Wadlin was in charge for a short time. She was soon afterward elected librarian at Thornton academy and for several years Mrs. Louise Harford Reed has held that position. Judging from the happy faces on the children passing up and down the stairs to the story hour gatherings that room is very popular.

The income and financial sup-

port of this institution are from invested funds, gifts and bequests being added from time to time and the library is in no wise dependent on the city government, but the citizens of Saco receive all the benefits of which they choose to avail themselves.

The number of volumes in the adult department on January 1, 1931, was 20,188. Circulation for 1930 was 65,279 and constantly increasing.

Number of volumes, children's department, Jan. 1, 1931, 2,783. Circulation for 1930, 18,882.

People who use the library appreciate the riches spread before them, while the cheerful atmosphere, friendly attitude and helpfulness of the attendants cause much favorable comment and add to the pleasure of a visit. The massive table in the reading room, covered with the leading magazines and periodicals, with comfortable seats about, is an attractive resort and should be used by more visitors than now frequent the place.

On entering the Dyer library the visitor cannot help remarking on the attractive scene presented in the large room, due to the judgment and good taste of the president, who has loaned the valuable prints, engravings and works of art that adorn the walls.

The furnishings are most appropriate and over the fireplace is a panel of rare wood with this inscription: "This building erected as a memorial of John C. Bradbury, by Sarah C. Bradbury, his wife, 1893." Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dyer and Mrs. Sarah C. Bradbury, with other benefactors, are on the walls, and in the main room stands the large table previously described with many comfortable chairs for patrons.

In addition to the many works of fiction and non-fiction appealing to the more popular taste, the library contains a fine assortment of reference works, valuable to students of all ages.

Among its especial treasures, it possesses a number of rare books, due to the president, Mr. Deering, who is a well known collector and bibliophile. These works will grow more and more valuable as time passes and are a great treasure for the Dyer library.

The institution is managed by a board of trustees, Frank C. Deering, president; George A. Emery, secretary and treasurer, with several men and women well known and conversant with the best needs of a community like Saco.

Thornton academy has a fine library, which occupies a handsome and appropriate building, a splendid memorial to the Thornton family, which has never lost its affectionate interest for the institution.

The York Institute has some valuable books of great historic interest, and the fine old town of Saco is rich indeed in library lore.

—Estelle M. Tatterson.

JANUARY 9, 1939.

FORMER POLICE CHIEF, OSCAR PARENT, DEAD

Oscar Gauthier Parent, for years one of the outstanding political figures in this city and a city official for many years, died late Saturday at his home, 30 Clifford



OSCAR G. PARENT.

street. Although he had been in ill health for the past few years and his condition had failed steadily since the death of his wife last September, Mr. Parent was able to be out each day. Tuesday he went to Augusta to be present at the opening of the legislature.

Saturday he was at the St. Jean Baptiste hall for a time, it being his custom to visit the hall nearly every day. He felt ill after he left the hall and summoned a taxi to go to his home, where he died in a short time after his arrival and after he had summoned a physician. He had not given any intimation during the afternoon to his friends that his condition was any more serious than it had been for several months. A few years ago Mr. Parent was quite seriously ill for several weeks. He was thought to be making fairly good progress toward recovery from that illness, but since a setback in September by the death of his wife his friends had felt alarm concerning his condition at different times.

Mr. Parent was born in Somersworth, N. H., July 4, 1872, while his parents were in Somersworth on a visit. He was the son of Abraham and Eugenie (Fortin) Parent, and traced his family back to Louis Herbet, to whom a monument is erected in Quebec, said to have been given the first farm grant in North America north of the Mason-Nixon line in 1609. His family had lived in this city since 1848.

He attended public schools in this city and St. Antoine academy in Bailville, P. Q. He married Exilia Gonneville in this city Aug. 22, 1893.

For over 25 years Mr. Parent was engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

He served as a member of the city council under Mayor Hamilton in 1894 and 1895, and was a member of the committee to public property when the city was

Mr. Parent had long been identified with local politics, being an active worker for years with the Democratic organizations and a leader in Ward 3 for many years. He served as truant officer in 1907, and as clerk of overseers of the poor in 1908 and 1909, then again from 1913 through to 1920, when Republicans took control of the city.

Later, Mr. Parent founded the Progressive party in this city, with an organization formed in little more than a year that took control of the city. He was appointed chief of police under the Progressives on June 22, 1928, succeeding Chief of Police Ernest Robbins, and remained in that office until January 6, 1936, when the present Democratic organization took over control of the police department and appointed Rodolphe Vanasse as acting chief of police. Mr. Parent contested his removal with other officers, the cases still being in litigation.

Since concluding his duties as chief of police, Mr. Parent had done some insurance business.

For several years he had been interested in naturalization work and several hundred local citizens were aided in procuring their citizenship papers through his efforts. He was frequently consulted by immigration authorities in connection with cases in this section.

A man of unusually genial disposition, friendly and always willing to render financial assistance or other aid to others as long as he was in a position to do so, Mr. Parent made many friends. He was considered one of the leading political workers in this section of the state and for years occupied a high position in the Democratic organization in this city, county and state. Since the Progressive party was disbanded locally, he had been identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Parent at one time was an extensive real estate holder here, but disposed of practically all his holdings in recent years except his home place on Clifford street and a little property at Hills Beach, where he formerly had a summer cottage.

For years Mr. Parent was an active worker in church societies and a generous contributor to church activities in time and with financial assistance.

He was a member of the St. Jean Baptiste society, Loyal Order of Moose, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste, Circle Lacordaire, Mavoshen lodge, Knights of Pythias, Fremont club, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Franco-American Order of Foresters, and the Maine Real Estate association, in all of which organizations he took an active part for many years.

Nephews and nieces are his only surviving relatives.

Mr. Parent was at one time employed in the local mills and later at the Webber store on Factory Island in the men's wear department.

The body was taken to the F. X. funeral home, corner of

Tuesday morning at 8.30 o'clock at St. Andre church.

Fremont Club To Meet.

Members of the Fremont club are requested to meet at Union St. Jean Baptiste hall, Jefferson street, at 8 o'clock this evening to go to the home of Oscar G. Parent, member of the club, who died suddenly Saturday night.

JUNE 6, 1931.

HISTORY OF SACO.

Old Saco Houses.

Passing up Main street, looking for houses of distinction we come to the imposing dwelling that the writer knows best of all, for going there Nov. 1, 1913, on an urgent invitation from certain esteemed citizens to remain in charge at least two months, or till the New Year, the stay was prolonged until June, 1925.

Not only is "Thornton Hall" most familiar, but it proved a very pleasant home and it is a matter of friendship and gratitude to at least do partial justice to its attractions.

In the year 1800 another prominent and wealthy man of the town was Joseph Leland, who is also listed on that first board of trustees of the old Saco academy.

Joseph Leland was born in Massachusetts in 1757, was an on-sign in the Revolutionary war and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. After the war was over he came to Hollis, where he carried on a flourishing business in lumber and general merchandise on the Saco river, at Hights Landing. Later he came to Saco and bought some of Sir William Pepperell's confiscated land on Main and Middle streets. In 1800 he erected the large house now known as "Thornton Hall."

Mr. Leland intended the house for his own use, as his land extended along that side of Main street through to Middle street. Every man of good position in those days, if he was also possessed of ample means, had rather grand ideas when building, which he displayed in the construction of his home. This house is one of the most imposing in town. It has a wonderfully fine hall and staircase, and an architect from Boston, who visited the house and spent some hours examining the place, told the writer that the proportions of the hall, staircase and long drawing room were absolutely perfect. After building this stately home, Mr. Leland found it too large for one family to occupy and we are told that he simply went through his garden and erected the fine, old brick residence now owned and occupied by Mrs. Almira Locke McArthur.

His first great house was divided and made into two homes, remaining a double house until it became the property of Thornton academy. One-half was the home for many years of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hamilton, the latter the widely known Sarah Fairfield Hamilton, a woman who for long years was identified with the best institutions in Saco. The Dennett family occupied the other side for some years and after them a Mrs. Gould, formerly of Biddeford, with her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Gould Goodwin, who was well known as a vocalist.

When the Thornton academy trustees were looking for a large house to become a home for teachers and students, who had some difficulty in securing a desirable boarding place, this house was the place selected. An interesting story has been told of the transac-

tion which runs something like this: Mrs. Thornton of Boston had purchased the Hamilton, half of the house and presented the same to the academy and when the trustees called on Mrs. Goodwin and her daughter to arrange for the purchase of that half, the two ladies generously followed Mrs. Thornton's example and gave their half also, moving to another home. This is the story told by a trustee who was in a position to know the facts.

The necessary changes were made; the dividing lines between the two halves of the house were done away with, to the necessary extent and the result was a very pleasant, comfortable and convenient home for the young men and women of the faculty.

For a time it was known and called the "Dormitory," often abbreviated to the "Dorm," until better taste prevailed and a modest sign over the porch announced the title "Thornton Hall."

The McArthur Home.

When Joseph Leland found the first great house on Main street too large, the story says, he went through the garden to Middle street and built a much better house, the home of Mrs. Almira Locke McArthur, who through her mother, who was Miss Marcia Cleaves, a lineal descendant of several old Saco families, among them Jonathan Tucker and Daniel Cleaves, both of the aristocracy of the "old academy trustees."

Mrs. McArthur's father was the well-known and popular John S. Locke, whose name has been given to a school building and a street and thus not allowed to be forgotten by the younger generation. In the article of last week, the statement was made that no descendants of Jonathan Tucker are living in Saco today. That should be amended to read: "No descendants of Jonathan Tucker, bearing the Tucker name, are living in Saco, for two great-granddaughters are residents of Saco, Mrs. McArthur herself and Mrs. Mary Cleaves Mill on of Summer street, have their home, in the old town."

Mrs. McArthur has shown rare taste and judgment and has retained the features of the house, that made it such a fine example of the building art of the early eighteen-hundreds. The house is literally a museum of antiques; not only in furniture, but in china, glass, plate and old portraits and costumes. She has a collection of colonial glass, that is much admired by those interested in Americana and is always very kind in allowing her friends and others to inspect her treasures when she is in town. She leaves for a summer in France very shortly and all will wish her a "Bon Voyage."

The Jordans Come to Saco.

One of the most notable members of the Jordan family that had lived in lower Biddeford, since early in the seventeen hundreds in fact, and who was the first of that name to settle on the Saco side of the river was Col. Tristram Jordan, third son of Capt. Samuel Jordan of the Pool road. He was born in 1731 and at the time of his birth, Capt. Samuel Jordan, his father, was in command at Fort Mary at the Pool.

In 1742, Capt. Samuel Jordan came up the road and bought what has been known for many years as "Jordan Farm" and his younger children were born in that house, which had been

NOVEMBER 3, 1938.

WELL - KNOWN LOCAL WOMAN DIED THURSDAY

Mrs. Marcia Leslie, for many years a resident of this city, wife of Charles H. Leslie, actor, died yesterday in New York city, following a long illness.

Mrs. Leslie was the daughter of Jotham and Ruth Andrews Perkins, and a sister of the late Walter E. Perkins, nationally famous actor. She was on the stage herself for several years after leaving this city, playing character parts in comedies with several nationally known figures of the stage. She was one of the original cast of the Dramatic club of the First Universalist church in this city.

She was one of the pioneer telephone operators in this city, and as far back as 1884 had charge of the switchboard at the first exchange opened here.

Mrs. Leslie left this city after her marriage to Charles Leslie, although for several years returned here to spend the summer months at her home in Chadwick place. Her health had been such that she did not return here for the past two years.

Mrs. Leslie was known and held in high esteem by many friends here and in New York city, where she spent much of her time since her marriage. She was an attendant at the Universalist church of this city.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. The burial will be in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery.

APRIL 4, 1930.

OLDEST MEMBER OF MAINE D. A. R. DEAD IN OSWEGO

Mrs. Caroline Boardman
Resident of This City
for Many Years.

Mrs. Caroline N. Boardman, 98, oldest member of Rebecca Emery chapter, D. A. R., in Maine, a resident of Oswego, N. Y., for 13 years, died today in Oswego, The Associated Press reported. Since suffrage rights were granted she was among the first each election to cast her vote. She was born in Cornish.

Mrs. Boardman was the wife of James Boardman, for years foreman of the foundry at the Saco-Lowell Shops. They resided on Pool street for many years. Mrs. Boardman was prominent in Rebecca Emery chapter, D. A. R., and in a social way among many friends in the city and vicinity.

They had one son, Harry, and left this city shortly after the son was graduated from the high school here.

known before as the Stacpole Garrison house.

Tristram Jordan was married to his first wife in 1749; when he was only 18 years old and went to the east, or Saco, side of the river to live in the old Pepperell house. He was one of the first merchants or traders on the east side of the river, at the falls. He held various responsible offices in town and county, before the Revolution and in 1787 was made senator in the Massachusetts legislature. About the close of the Revolution, he removed from Saco Falls to his property at Deep Brook, two miles north on the Buxton road, where he died in 1821, aged 90 years.

Colonel Jordan had a family of eight children, but only three daughters are connected with this story, Sarah, who in 1775 married Colonel Nathaniel Scamman, third son of Captain Humphrey Scamman; Hannah, who married Captain Solomon Coit, a shipmaster of Saco, in 1775, and Mary, who married Daniel Granger in 1792.

These three daughters lived after marriage on Main street on the left-hand side, above North street, then known as the Buxton road. In the house, now owned and occupied by Miss Mary Alma Bradbury, lived Captain Coit and wife, the only date given in regard to the house being that it was erected about 1787.

The next occupant of that house was Captain Samuel Hartley, who during the Revolution was mate on Captain Coit's ship and was on board when it was captured by the British. After the war, Captain Hartley gave up the sea, made no more voyages and engaged in business.

The tract of land opposite the place has been called the Hartley field ever since and there have been but few encroachments upon it. Soon after Captain Hartley arrived in Saco he married Hannah, daughter of Parson Fairfield, a Congregational clergyman in Saco for 40 years, a long term as we look on it in these days.

Captain Hartley was a trustee of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution from 1827 to 1849, and a trustee of Thornton academy from 1811 to 1826. He passed away in 1857, leaving three sons and three daughters; one of the last, always known as Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley Greene. The present Unitarian parsonage, in its early days was called the Greene house, where Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley Greene lived. The first mass celebrated in Saco by a Roman Catholic priest was in that house in 1820. The Mr. Greene then living there was a Catholic, and a priest of that faith, passing through town, was a guest there and before leaving, he conducted a service and celebrated mass.

The second son of Captain Hartley was John Fairfield Hartley, who fitted for college at Thornton academy and graduated from Bowdoin college in 1829. John F. Hartley held various offices of trust, under the United States government in Washington, D. C., until he resigned from his position as assistant secretary of the treasury in May, 1876, and made an extensive tour of Europe. Later, he returned to Saco and settled down in the old homestead, the property there having been in the family for nearly a century and for years called the old "Hartley home."

Sarah, daughter of Colonel Jordan, married Captain Nathaniel Scamman, third son of

Captain Humphrey Scamman, in 1775. Capt. Nathaniel Scamman erected the large set of buildings, above Thornton academy, now owned by his great-grandchild, Miss Edith Scamman. The house so spacious and stately is a repository of interesting furnishings, dating back many years. Since the death of her mother several years since, Miss Scamman has passed much time traveling on the Pacific coast, going as far as Panama and the South American border states. She could write a wonderful tale of her touring and her many friends look forward to her return.

The Jordan daughter, Mary, who was married much later than the other sisters to Daniel Granger, was mistress of the house, which has for a long time been known as the Shannon house and identified with that family. The Grangers lived there for many years and artistic tastes and temperaments seem to have always been the atmosphere of the place, for more than one of the Grangers were artists of the brush and pencil and the Shannons have always been a musical family.

Curious Items.

Some very interesting and curious bits came to the writer a day or two since from a friend whose home and its rare and beautiful furnishings have been described in the early part of this article. Among them was an old, old letter addressed to Miss Eunice Cutts, daughter of Col. Thomas Cutts, when she was at boarding school in Boston. It is written on one page of a double sheet of paper and dated: "Pepperellboro, Aug. 26, 1796," and is written by one who signs himself, "I remain your affectionate brother, Dom's Cutts."

Eunice is told that her "mamma" says she may pay Mrs. Turner off for the first school quarter and she is to be excused from dancing school if her head aches. It mentions a "pettycoat and skirt" sent by Captain Scamman's boat, also gives permission to purchase a "pair of bodices." Family all well except Foxwell Cutts, who is a little better.

The epistle is folded several times and fastened with wafers and is made to form the envelope as well, as was the custom, separate envelopes being a much later fashion, and wafers were used before mucilage or paste.

On another piece of writing paper are the following items:

"York county was the only county in Maine till 1760."

"Cumberland and Lincoln counties were taken from York."

"The court of common pleas was granted to York county in 1669, and regularly held till the county was divided."

"The supreme court was established in 1699."

"The supreme court records commence June 26, 1798."

"Records previous to that are found in Boston."

"The earliest court records at Alfred are 1695."

—Estelle M. Tatterson.

OCTOBER 1, 1938.

DR. L. L. POWELL, FORMER SACO RESIDENT, DEAD

Word was received in Saco this

morning of the death in Portland last evening of Dr. Lester L. Powell, widely-known Portland physician, and veteran of the World war, who passed away suddenly last night at his home, 498 Cumberland avenue. Although he had complained to his wife during the past few days that he was not feeling well, he remained active and treated patients at his office last evening. Later he was stricken and passed away without warning.

For some years Dr. Powell practiced medicine in Saco, where he had a wide acquaintance and was active in civic and church affairs. His many friends in the two cities will learn of his passing with much sorrow.

Dr. Powell was born at Topsham, March 24, 1875. He was graduated from Maine Central Institute and from Bates college in the class of 1900. He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania medical school. He served his internship in a Philadelphia hospital. Later he came to Saco where he practiced medicine until 20 years ago when he located in Portland.

He married Bertha O. True, a classmate at Bates college, at New Gloucester in 1906. She survives him.

He served as a major in the medical corps attached to the 101st Machine Gun Battalion of the 26th Division and was cited for gallantry under fire. He received the historic Order of the Purple Heart in 1932 for his record.

Dr. Powell served as jail physician for a time and was moderator of the Immanuel Baptist church. He was also a past president of the Maine Central Institute Alumni club of Portland and was prominent in boys' welfare work.

An ardent sportsman, Dr. Powell and friends made frequent hunting expeditions into Maine forests and in 1927 he bagged an 880 pound bull moose near Jo Mary lake.

Besides his widow, a brother, Almond W. Powell of Danforth; two sisters, Mrs. Ella M. Goodwin of Bangor and Mrs. Lenora Cummings of Needham, Mass.; several nieces and nephews survive.

MARCH 28, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

The first, last and only broom factory in Saco as far as can be learned was located in the building at the corner of Free and Main streets, Saco, built in 1823, and now occupied by Ralph H. Merrow, the grocer. This was many years ago and few people questioned today remember much about the factory. They recalled that a man named Wood came here from Boston, hired the building and engaged in the manufacture of brooms. How extensive a business he did is not known, but, according to an old resident of Saco, not many hands were employed. After Mr. Wood came here, he married a woman named Cole, and some wag at the time suggested that they engaged in the wood and coal business. After a while, Mr. Wood closed his broom factory and returned to Boston with his wife.

SACO ASSESSOR DIED AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Assessor Francis Murphy, 63, of 42 Green street, Saco, who had been prominent in Democratic circles in Saco for a number of years and had served the party in various capacities, died at the Trull hospital this morning. He had been in poor health for some time, although he had been able to get about as usual. Recently he was taken to the hospital for treatment, and only yesterday his condition was reported as more favorable.

Mr. Murphy was born in Saco March 20, 1873, the son of Patrick and Jane Sewell Murphy. He received his education in the public schools of Saco. He was employed for some years as a clerk in the J. Q. Sawyer grocery store, known as the Old Stone Store, in Saco. Later he was employed in the plant of the Pepperell Mfg. Co. for a few years, first in one of the departments and then as a watchman.

He had always been active in politics in Saco. This was his second year as a member of the board of assessors, and next year, had he lived, he would have been chairman. He had served as a member of the board of aldermen. Some years ago he was janitor and janitor of city building. He was for some years a member of the Democratic city committee, and at one time was chairman.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church. His many friends in Saco and this city will be surprised and saddened to hear of his death. He had a wide acquaintance not only in the two cities but in Democratic circles in the county. He will be missed by his associates at City hall. He was held in high esteem by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

He is survived by a widow, Mary E.; seven sons, Carl, Philip, Lawrence, Roland, Russell, Charles and Kenneth Murphy, all of Saco, except Roland, who is in the South, and four daughters, Mrs. Frances Langley, Misses Jane, Dorothy and Kathryn Murphy.

The funeral will be held at the Quinby funeral home, 29 School street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

How Old Is the Stone Sewer on North Street, Saco?

Does anyone know when the old stone sewer on North street, Saco, was built? If so will they kindly communicate the information to the Journal. On North street, between Union and Scamman, where digging is being done for the asphalt bituminous bound street, a stone sewer has been unearthed. It is built of sizable blocks of granite. Where the sewer begins and where it ends is not known. In some places it is within a foot of the top of the ground. William L. Gerrish of Saco remembers that 40 years ago excavating was done on North street, and the old sewer uncovered. At that time on one could be found who had any idea when the stone sewer was built.

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Mrs.
Susan N.
Piper
of Biddeford

JULY 5, 1927.

W. F. LINNELL PASSES AWAY AT SACO HOME

Member of Firm Lord & Linnell — Tinsmith in Saco Thirty Years.

William F. Linnell, well known retired business man of Saco, died at his home on the Old Orchard road late Sunday evening at the age of 81 years, after a long illness.

Mr. Linnell was born in this city, the son of Robie and Charlotte C. Linnell. During the early part of his life he learned the tinsmith's trade and for more than thirty years was a member of the firm of Lord & Linnell.

After retiring from business as a tinsmith he was employed for a few years in the Saco-Lowell Shops, but during the last few years had not been engaged in any active business. He was a Civil war veteran, having performed three years active service as a member of Company C, 8th Maine Regiment. He was affiliated with Saco lodge of Odd Fellows and was an attendant at the School Street Methodist church during the fifty years that he lived in Saco.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, William S. Linnell of Portland, a member of the governor's council and three daughters, Miss Susan T. Linnell of Beverly, Mass., Miss Bertha R. Linnell of Northfield, Minn., and Miss Adelaide P. Linnell of Mankato, Minn.

Funeral services will be held at the date home on the Old Orchard road, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

September 29, 1932

Thomas L. Cleaves, Long Hotel Man At Beach, Dead

Former Selectman And
Widely Known In York
Democratic Politics



Thomas L. Cleaves

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Old Orchard Beach, Sept. 28 —
Thomas L. Cleaves, 73, former
member of the board of select-
men, prominent York County Demo-
crat, and the fourth generation of
his family to be connected with the
hotel and restaurant business, died
about midnight at his home, 20 Port-
land Street. While he had been in
failing health for the past few years,
he had been confined to his home but
a week.

Funeral services will be held from
his home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Mr. Cleaves was born in Saco, the
son of John T. and Mary Foss
Cleaves, and received his education
in the public schools of that city.
During his school days he worked
summers at various summer hotels and
upon completing his schooling was
employed at the Bay View House,
Bay View, and the Hampton House,
Oxford Hotel and Derby Hotel in Bos-
ton, and at a large summer hotel at
Isles of Shoals.

In 1888 Mr. Cleaves located here,
and with a partner opened Lane's
Restaurant, which a few years later
he took over exclusively. The restau-
rant and rooming place was destroyed
in the big fire of 1907, but Mr. Cleaves
was one of the first to seek a new lo-
cation, and opened a place in Rail-
road Square. He conducted this un-
der the name of Cleaves' Restaurant
up to five years ago, when he retired
from active business on account of his
health. He also conducted a bowling
alley, which became one of the best
known recreation places at the beach,
owning this at the time of his death.

Throughout his life Mr. Cleaves
was much interested in politics, and
early became active in the Demo-
cratic field. He was a delegate from
Maine to the National Democratic
Convention at Houston in 1928, and
was an ardent supporter of Governor
Alfred E. Smith for the presidency.
At one time when a candidate for the
Maine House of Representatives he
polled 400 more votes in Old Orchard
Beach than his successful Republican
opponent, the town of York going
strongly for the latter. From 1927
to 1930 he was a member of the board

of selectmen.

Mr. Cleaves was much interested
in the development of Old Orchard
Beach, and was an extensive real
estate owner here.

He is survived by his wife and two
daughters, Mrs. George T. O'Rourke
of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Earl Clif-
ford of South Paris, also by two sis-
ters, Mrs. Henry W. Staples and Miss
Eunice Cleaves of Saco.

September 29, 1932

Mrs. Eugene Carll, Prominent Maine Clubwoman, Dies

Buxton Resident, Native Of
Portland, Was Of Colo-
nial Ancestry



Mrs. Eugene C. Carll

Buxton, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Lucie V.
Carll, 72, wife of Eugene C. Carll, and
prominent clubwoman of southwestern
Maine, died this morning following
an illness of several months.

Mrs. Carll was born in Portland,
the daughter of Seth H. and Phebe
Dole Gookin, and was graduated from
the Portland High School in 1876.
Her grandfather, John W. Gookin,
was captain of artillery in the War of
1812; and her great-grandfather,
Capt. Daniel Gookin, served in the
Revolutionary War and was later a
judge, residing in Exeter, N. H., en-
tertaining President Washington at
his home on his visit to New Hamp-
shire and the territory of Maine.

Club interests long engaged Mrs.
Carll. She was the first president
of the Maine Writers Research Club
and a leading contributor to its pub-
lications. She was a member of the
Woman's Club of Gorham, the Gor-
ham Dames, of which she was elected
president in 1930; the Buxton
Grange; the Dorcas Society of Bar
Mills; and the Governor Thomas
Dudley Family Association of Boston,
being a direct descendant of the
early Bay State chief executive. She
took special pride in her Colonial an-
cestry, which besides those mentioned
included Governor Simon Bradstreet
of Massachusetts Bay Colony, also the
Rev. John Cotton, Anne Hutchinson
and Capt. Benjamin Swett.

Prior to her marriage to Mr. Carll,
well known Maine business man, Mrs.
Carll taught school in Scarborough,
Saco and Biddeford. They have re-
sided in Augusta, Gorham and Bux-
ton. Besides her husband, Mrs. Carll
is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Har-
old M. Heath, and five grandchildren,
Mrs. Kathleen Stoveken, Carll, Helen,
Phebe and Harold Heath, Jr.

Funeral services will be held in
Buxton Saturday at 2 p. m. 74

5, MAY 4, 1928.

GREEN HOUSE OLDEST IN OLD ORCHARD

Was Built on Old Or-
chard Road Just Below
Goose Fare Brook
120 Years Ago.

The oldest dwelling within the
boundaries of Old Orchard is said
to be the house on the Old Orchard
road within a stone's throw of Goose
Fare brook, and known as the
Amaziah Green house. It is oc-
cupied by Walter H. Green. This
dwelling is the first after crossing
the Saco line, and is said to have
been built about 120 years ago. Its
style of architecture indicates that
it was built more than a century
ago, being the type most common in
those days. The house in spite of
the years it has been built is still in
good state of preservation.

Selectman Fred I. Luce, when
asked today in regard to the first
house built in Old Orchard, which
until 1887 was a part of Saco, said
while the Green house might be the
first he had an idea that what is
known as the Camp Comfort house,
now located on Camp Comfort ave-
nue, was the first. This house was
originally built on the site of the
present Old Orchard House, and
years ago was moved to Camp Com-
fort avenue. While he had no actu-
al information in regard to the date
this house was built he was of the
opinion that it was the first or one
of the first. He thought that some
of the older residents at Old Orchard
could furnish the information. If
any Old Orchard resident can tell
the oldest house they are asked to
communicate that information to
the Journal.

It is learned from an authentic
source that as early as 1638,
Thomas Rogers settled at the mouth
of Goose Fare brook and entered
into agricultural pursuits more ex-
tensively than any of his neighbors.
Thomas Rogers dwelt on the east
side near the ocean, quite a distance
from where the Green house is lo-
cated. His fields were first cleared,
and most extensively cultivated to
the coast. He planted fruit trees
and cultivated the grape vine, which
was brought from Wood island,
where an abundance grew when
the coast was first discovered. The
farm was considered of so much im-
portance that it was called "Rogers'
Garden," by the early geographers,
and so recorded on the maps.

The apple trees, which were
planted 200 years ago, became Old
Orchard, from which the seaside
town takes its name. J. S. Locke's
history says. In 1676, his place was
attacked by Indians, and after a
severe struggle, in which half-a-
dozen of them were killed and
wounded, they withdrew, mortified
by their repulse, and taking to their
canoes, went to Scarborough, where, at
Black Point, they burned several
houses. Rogers immediately after
this, with his family, went to Kit-
tery leaving some of his goods in
his house. A party of young men
were sent to take them away when
they were attacked by Indians in

ambush, and all slain. The dwelling
was burned by the Indians. The
bodies of the young men were af-
terwards found on the beach by the
inhabitants and buried on the shore,
where the house had stood.

FEBRUARY 20, 1929.

MRS. T. T. YOUNG DEAD IN SACO

Wife of Former School
Superintendent Was
Prominent in First
Parish.

The oldest members of the Saco
First Parish Congregational church
and many other residents of the city
were shocked to learn of the death of
Mrs. Alfreda T. Young, wife of
former Superintendent of Schools
Theodore T. Young, which occurred
at her home, 117 Elm street, Saco,
late yesterday afternoon.

While Mrs. Young last sickness
dates back to Christmas, she had
been able to be around the house un-
til a short time ago. Relatives and
intimate friends realized the past
week or so that she was gradually
failing. She has been suffering from
a heart trouble for many months, but
it was not until recently that she
has been under the care of a phys-
ician. Early yesterday afternoon her
condition was much the same as it
had been for several days, although
it was reported that she was grad-
ually growing weaker. The end at
last came gently and quietly.

Mrs. Young was born in Parsons-
field, the daughter of the late Elliott
and Ruth Dearborn Fernald. She
had lived in Saco for 63 years, mov-
ing to that city when she was ten
years old.

She had been a member of the
First Parish Congregational church
for many years, and in years past
had been prominent and active in all
the church work. Her husband was
a deacon of the parish for a long
period.

The older members of the church
were saddened to learn of her death,
as were the teachers of the public
schools. To her neighbors her loss will
be particularly keen, for she was a
good neighbor, living in harmony with
all around her. A woman of the warm-
est sympathy and friendships she had
made during the long years she had
lived in Saco will feel a deep sense of
personal loss, while uniting in deep-
est sympathy for those nearest and
dearest, thus suddenly bereaved. Mrs.
Young's married life was marked by
her love and devotion to her husband
and to her daughter, making her home
ideal in comfort, attractiveness and
hospitality.

She was one of that type of New
England women imbued with strong
common sense, honest of purpose and
well formed character. All through
life her fireside was her altar; her
home life her sanctuary. Her capabil-
ity, her devotion to her home, her re-
sourcefulness and her Christian life
and character will be long remember-
ed by intimate acquaintances. Of a
modest and unassuming nature, she
cared little for the frivolities of soci-
ety but gave her entire life to home,
husband, children and friends.

Besides a husband, she leaves one
daughter, Ruth M. Young, who has
been teaching in New Bedford, Ma-
high school for some years. A priv-
ate funeral service will be held at
home, 117 Elm street, Friday af-
noon at 2 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 16, 1929.

J. W. MUTTART TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent in Masonic
Circles—Painting Con-
tractor Here for Many
Years.

Jesse W. Muttart, contracting paint-
er, prominent in Masonic circles and
as familiar to the people of the two



J. W. MUTTART.

cities, probably, as any citizen, died at the Trull hospital Friday night at 11.30 o'clock, his illness having had its inception more than a year ago and his disease gradually developing into a condition that afforded no hope for his recovery. A year ago he went to the Pacific coast in the hope that the change of climate would prove beneficial, but this hope was not realized and soon after his return a decline set in with increasing severity until Dec. 28 last when he entered the Trull hospital, where he underwent an operation. This, however, failed to stay the progress of the disease, although affording relief, and he returned to his home. His condition again became very serious and on January 8 he returned to the hospital and failed steadily until the end. For several days it had been realized that his death was a question of a brief time only.

Jesse Whitlock Muttart, he was best known among his intimates and to the general public as "Lock," was 74 years, 2 months and 18 days of age. He was born in Prince Edwards Isle and came to Biddeford 65 years ago with his parents, William Muttart and wife, as a boy and afterwards resided here. In his youth he learned the painter's trade under the late John M. Ly, who was then in business on Adams street and who took a deep interest in the young man. He remained with Mr. Murphy for a number of years and upon the latter's death engaged in business for himself, a business which he carried on successfully until illness forced him to abandon it. During these years he had large numbers of painters in his employ and superintended many large painting jobs in this city and Saco.

of time came to hold membership in all of them. While not advancing high in Masonry, he manifested an unusual interest and activity in the order. There is not a member of these bodies in the two cities who took a greater or more loyal interest in the work than did Mr. Muttart and this interest found expression in many ways. His life outside of his business seemed to be bound up in the work of the Masonic organizations to which he belonged. He seldom missed attending a meeting and never failed to accompany Bradford commandery, K. T., on its St. Johns day and other celebrations. He held membership in Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., York chapter, R. A. M., Maine council, R. and S. M., Bradford commandery, K. T., holding the office of sentinel for many years, Adah chapter, O. E. S., and Kora temple of the Shrine. He was tyler of Dunlap lodge for many successive years. He attended the Foss Street Methodist church and was at the time of his death secretary of the board of trustees. He was a Republican in politics, although never aspiring to public office. The only office of this character he ever held was, as a member of the school board many years ago.

Mr. Muttart was once married, his wife dying a number of years ago at their home on Graham street at the corner of Mason. He is survived by a half brother, George H. Murray, of East Lynn, Mass., and several cousins.

The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the funeral home of Dennett & Craig, 365 Main street, Saco.

JULY 20, 1928.

CAPT. A. T. WARD DIED SUDDENLY AT THE POOL

Highly Esteemed Citizen
Had Been Out in Dory
in the Morning.

Captain Alpha T. Ward, well known fisherman at Biddeford, Pool, died suddenly at his home on Main street at the Pool Thursday afternoon from a heart attack. His death came as a severe shock to a large number of friends at the Pool and in this city and Saco, where he was well known.

Mr. Ward had been out in his dory during the forenoon, being able to attend to his work although suffering from a heart ailment for some time. After returning from a trip in his dory he called at the cottage of Agent Howard R. Whitehead to leave some cunners he had caught. While talking to Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Ward said that he felt an attack coming on and that he thought he would go home. Mr. Whitehead told him to wait a moment and he would have his daughter, Marjorie, drive him home in their car, which she did, his condition becoming worse on the way. As he reached the doorsteps of his home he was overcome and shouted to his wife, Mrs. Ward gave her husband some medicine he had been taking for his heart ailment, but he died within a few minutes. Dr. Paul S. Hill, who is the family physician, was attending the funeral of Dr. H. W. Hurd, and Dr. David E. Dolan was called. The physician pronounced death due to heart trouble. Mr. Ward was a life-long resident of Biddeford, being engaged as a

fisherman for many years. He was considered one of the ablest seamen among the veterans at the Pool and was held in exceptionally high esteem.

He was the son of Samuel and Abigail Stackpole Ward, both of this city, and is survived by his widow, Sadie Walton Ward, one son, Harry W. Ward, of the Pool, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Proctor of this city and Mrs. Chanie Coburn of Saco.

Funeral services will be held from the rooms of Dennett and Neal, 302 Main street, this city, at 3.30 Saturday afternoon.



Mrs.
Neil M.
Ward
of Saco

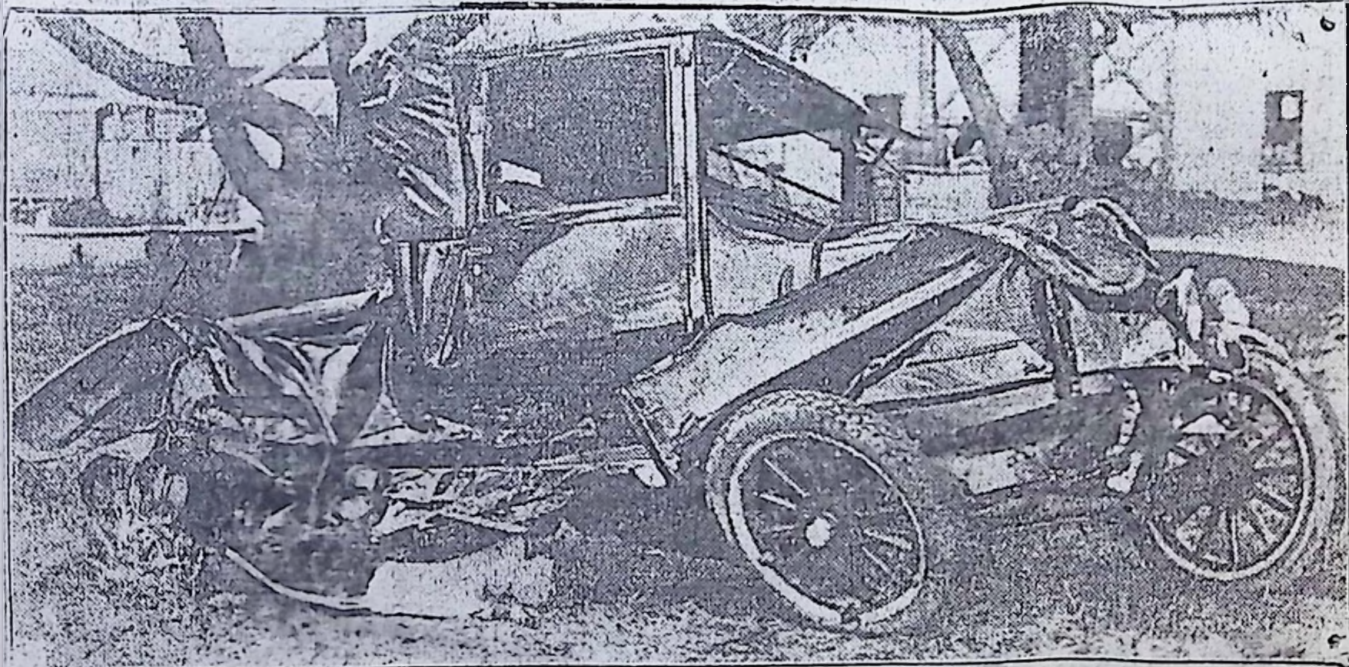
Herald—Portland, Maine—June 26, 1932
Record Cut From Old Elm



Seven and a half cords of furnace wood from one tree was the record from an old elm tree standing on the farm of Leon M. Ayer of Cornville. Tradition places the age of this elm at 200 years. It stood in the middle of a broad interval, owned by Mr. Ayer's father and grandfather before him. Horses were often hitched in its shade and hitching rings were found bedded in the wood. Though the tree was sapping a wide area of ground, Ayer did not fell the tree until after his father's death. The elder Mr. Ayer was strongly attached to the monster elm.

DR. H. M. FERGUSON DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES RECEIVED ON THURSDAY

Condition was Hopeless From the First, Although Every
thing Possible was Done By Skilled Surgeons to
Save Life of Highly Esteemed Physician--Sketch
of His Life



DR. FERGUSON'S AUTOMOBILE AFTER THE CRASH

Dr. M. Hubbard Ferguson, a former member of the Maine Legislature and prominent physician, whose skull was fractured at the base of the brain, when the Dodge coupe in which he was riding was struck by a trolley car on the Saco Division of the Portland Street Railway, at the residence of Alderman Edgar F. Mills on the State Highway, Thursday forenoon, died Friday forenoon, at about 9.45.

From the first his condition was critical and the surgeons who operated upon him following the accident had no hope that he would recover. It was not expected that he would live through the night. He never recovered consciousness.

An investigation will probably be made to ascertain if anyone was to blame for the accident. Motorman Walter Jellerson of Portland, who was operating the trolley car, says that when he first saw the machine it was on the car track. There was no

time to do anything except to shut off the power. The car struck the automobile in such a way as to break the air hose, making it impossible to apply the air brake.

Investigation by officials of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. Thursday tended to show that Dr. Ferguson was driving toward Portland on the roadway near the Mills farm as the electric approached the driveway to the property. There were other machines in the road at that point and the employees of the company state that without warning Dr. Ferguson turned into the Mills driveway when the electric was not more than two and a half car lengths away, proceeding at normal speed toward Saco. The crash, the investigation is said to show, was inevitable, and the automobile was carried not more than half a car length down the track before striking the tree at the roadside.

The wrecked machine was brought

to Biddeford late Thursday afternoon.

The news of the death of Dr. Ferguson caused widespread sorrow in the two cities, where he had practiced medicine for 26 years. He was widely known in Masonic circles throughout York county.

He had built up a large practice in this territory and had many patients who will be grieved to hear of his death. He had been quite active in fraternal circles in the past and had taken part in many of the meetings of the medical society.

Dr. Ferguson was born in Dixmont 65 years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson. He was educated in the Dixmont schools and at the Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield. He was in the office of Dr. Hamlin, a prominent Bangor physician, for some time before he attended a course of lectures at Bowdoin Medical school. Later he attended Dartmouth College and was graduated in the class of 1878. He began the practice of medicine in

Phippsburg. Twenty-six years ago he came to Biddeford where he has since been located. Since coming to this city he has taken post graduate courses at the New York Post Graduate Hospital and at the New York Polyclinic.

He was a member of the Maine Medical association, the York County Medical Society and the American Medical association. He was a member of Kora Temple, Lewiston, Bradford commandery, K. T., of Biddeford and the Masonic lodge of Bath. He also was a member of the council and chapter.

Dr. Ferguson had served in both branches of the Maine Legislature,

serving in the Senate with the late Benjamin F. Hamilton of Biddeford. He had held office in the York County Medical society. He had served as president of the Western Hospital association.

He had traveled in Europe and while abroad visited Scotland. He was a descendant of Reuben Ferguson, who came from Scotland and settled in Eliot in 1745. He also had traveled extensively in the United States.

He is survived by a wife, one brother, Cassius Ferguson of Minneapolis, and a prominent member of the Minnesota bar, and two sisters, Miss Lucia Ferguson, a teacher in the public schools of Boston, and Mrs. Ada Brown of Pasadena, Calif. He also leaves a niece, Mrs. Rebecca Minot of Boston.

The funeral will be held Sunday. The service at his home for members of the family will be at 2 o'clock and the public service will be held at the Universalist church at 2.30 and Bradford Commandery, K. T., will be in charge.

MARCH 7, 1939.

SACO MAYOR



Lewis G. Brock
—Biddeford Journal Photo

Waters Of Old Orchard Have Healing Quality According To Old Tradition

An Old Tradition

From early times, Old Orchard Beach has been a popular bathing place and for several generations there existed among the settlers of the region a tradition that on June 26, an angel troubled the waters as at the Pool of Siloam mentioned in the Bible and whoever bathed in them then would be strengthened and healed of any afflicting diseases.

This superstition, brought no doubt from the British Isles by the first immigrants, died out ultimately but since the date fell conveniently in the agricultural interim between hoeing and haying and just after the day of the opening of court in Saco, it was long observed as the beginning of the season at Old Orchard Beach.

As the past century advanced, summer resorts began to appeal to an increasingly large leisure class, Old Orchard Beach among the rest, and by 1900 the expanse of white sands where settlers' farms had displaced the Indian lodges and unbroken forest, had become nationally famous as a seaside watering place, with cottages, big hotels and a steel pier nearly a third of a mile in length where once John Bonython, the outlaw, immortalized by Whittier in his poem, "Mogg Megone," dwelt in an almost unbroken wilderness.

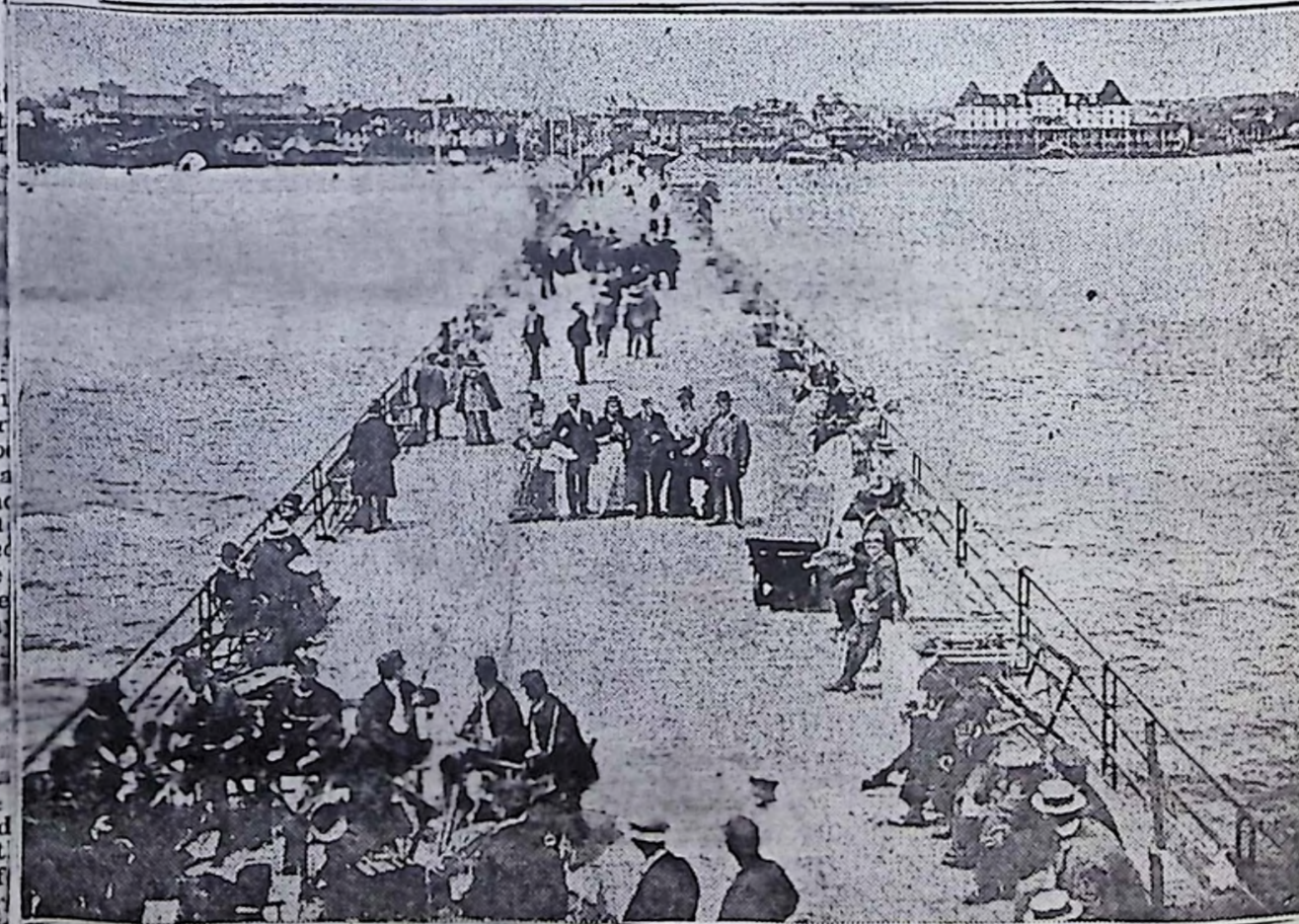
An old souvenir book with many photographs owned by Mrs. Yuul M. Pedersen of 18 Smith Street, describes in detail the Old Orchard Beach of the 90's which is quite different from the Old Orchard Beach of 1931. In 1900 the Iron Pier was twice as long as it is now and to its end came the excursion steamers to land and take on passengers, among them the old Pilgrim, then a smart modern craft. Down the pier promenade ran the smallest and shortest railroad in the world, its diminutive cars accommodating two persons seated face to face, hauled down the narrow track by a miniature engine with the engineer riding astride in a strangely equestrian fashion above the tender. The open rails, with none of the little booths now lining the pier, gave an unobstructed view of the ocean, while the structures now located at the pier end were then, before a storm washed away the seaweed section, midway of its length.

The Velvet

On Old Orchard Street, opposite the entrance to the pier, was the Velvet, most exclusive of all the resort hotels, where now a hot dog stand, Noah's Ark and the Coal Mine engage the attention of holiday makers. The Velvet, where visiting millionaires were wont to repair, built to shelter 500 guests in 1889, was the pride of Old Orchard Beach for prestige and luxury. This was burned in the big fire of August 13, 1903, which destroyed also most of the resort property to the east of Old Orchard Street, when a small blaze starting in a restaurant got beyond control. The Alberta, a smaller hotel just beyond the Velvet went with it. The Fiske House not far off on the other side of the pier entrance where a large bath house is located today burned too, as did the Seashore House opposite the railroad station where Kiddie Land's new merry-go-round now spins to allure the little folks. The Cleaves House on the other side of the station was consumed and the railroad tracks themselves burned for some distance in each direction, but the station itself like an Isle of safety in the midst of the destruction, was untouched.

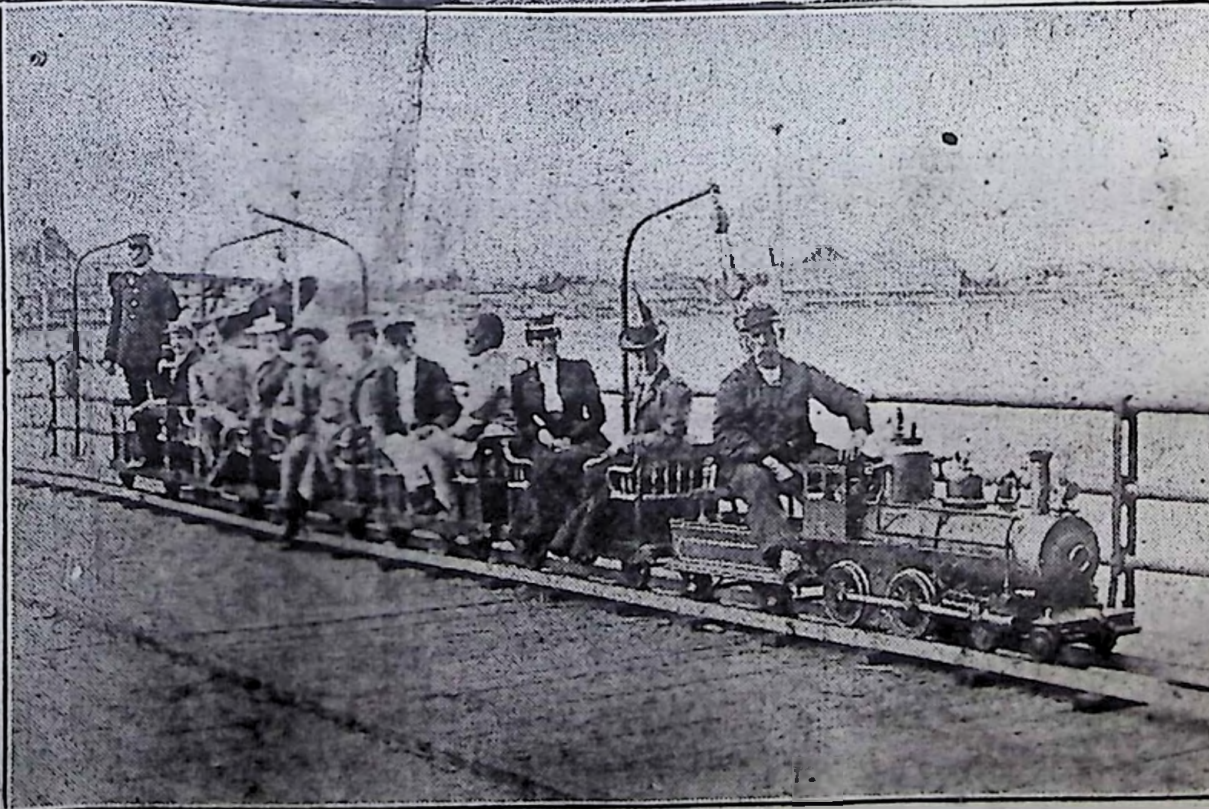
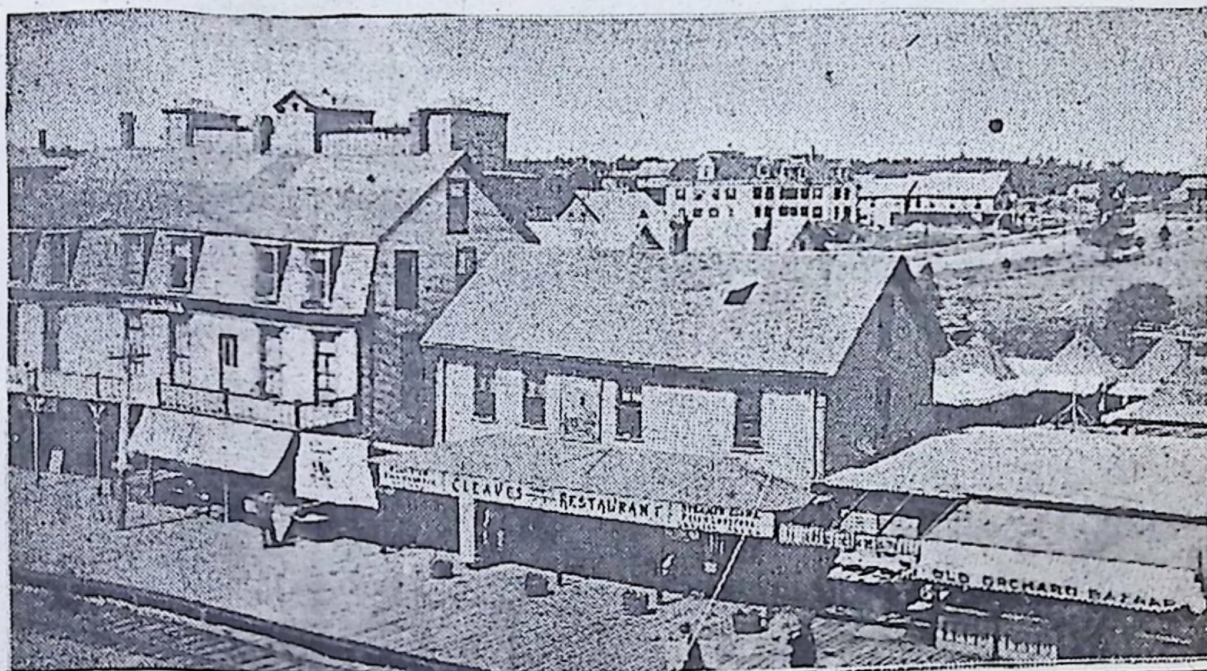
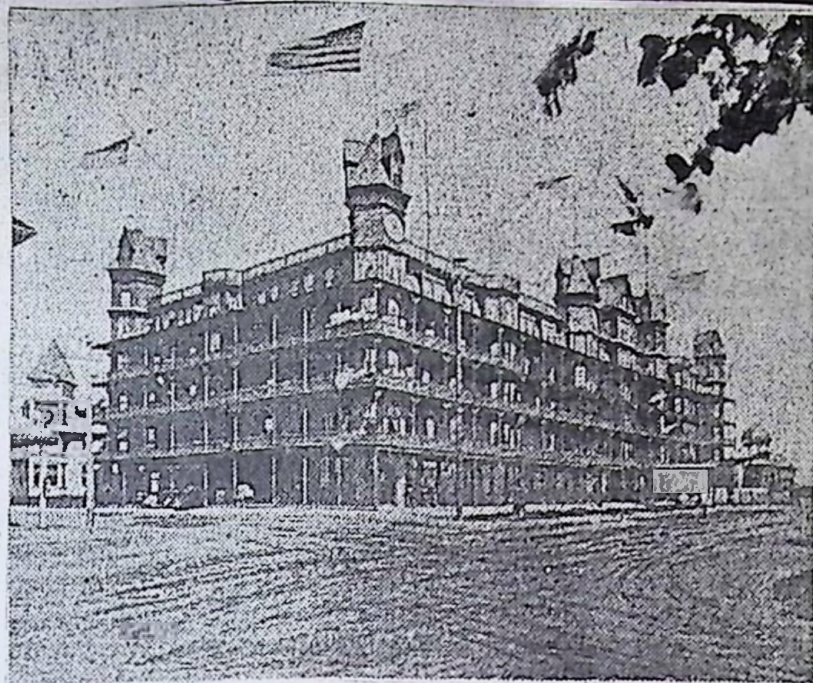
Almost the only important hotel to survive the conflagration was the Old Orchard House, which still looms above the surrounding buildings on its original site.

In 1900 too, the long, white, shady stretch nearly a quarter of a mile wide at low tide was a boulevard for pleasure seekers and besides strollers on foot, every sort of equipage from a top



By Louise Littlefield

Many changes have taken place at Old Orchard since the days when the aborigines used to camp on its sands and Saco was an Indian metropolis. Martin Pring in 1603 was perhaps the first white man to set foot on the coast in this vicinity, and some 25 years later Thomas Rogers, who settled near the mouth of Goose Farm Brook, is believed to have planted the first farm and the first orchard in Maine, the latter with trees brought all the way from England. In 1675 his house was burned by the Indians, but the orchard remained and in time gave to the district its name, Old Orchard.



Scenes Of Old Orchard In Gay Nineties

Upper Row, left—Schooners at anchor. Center—Pleasure seekers enjoying the cool on the pier. Right—Bathing in the surf.

Lower, left—Railroad walk as it looked 30 years ago. At the upper left may be seen Old Orchard House, Hotel Everett and the building which is now K. of C. Hall. Center—Railroad on the iron pier. Right—Hotel Velvet.

buggy to more pretentious vehicles could be seen driving on the firm expanse where today motor cycles are almost the only type of conveyance to traverse the beach. Many bathers enjoyed the salt waters of the ocean then as now and a notice of the period reassuringly remarked, "bathing accidents never occur here except to those who overestimate their strength or venture too far from shore."

But the bathing suits of the 90's were strong incentives to prudence, from the masculine variety which vaguely suggested a demoralized set of winter flannels cut off at knee and elbow to the feminine sartorial climax which combined a pair of blue serge plus fours with a sailor dress of similar material, the grand ensemble set off with multitudinous bands of white braid.

But if the bathers of the 90's were handicapped in regard to swimming by their natatorial garments, they had all the more opportunity to admire the view and the white sailed schooners gliding past, a dozen or more perhaps in sight at once standing over the blue waves. Impromptu horse races were no rarity along the hard beach but the formal races were held on the kite-shaped Old Orchard Beach track, as enthralling a feature of the resort to those who loved the "sport of kings" as was the campground to the religiously inclined. The old race track no longer resounds with shouts and applause, but the campmeeting crowds still assemble and the sound of hymns floats out from the old campground as it did 30 years ago.

MARCH 18, 1930.

JOHN F. HILL DIED SUDDENLY THIS FORENOON

John F. Hill, a resident of Biddeford for more than 50 years, and a former resident of Saco, died suddenly after a heart attack this forenoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, of 173 South street, Biddeford. Mr. Hill was 74 years and 6 months of age. He was a jeweler by trade and was born in Mt. Vernon, the son of John H. and Dorcas Locke Hill. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, and a nephew, Dr. Paul S. Hill. The funeral services will take place Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Dennett & Craig funeral home on Main street, Saco.

Mr. Hill was considered an expert watchmaker and was employed for many years at local jewelry stores.

ENING, MARCH 2, 1929.

SMUTTY NOSE ISLAND MURDER 57 YEARS AGO

Started the Agitation Against Capital Punishment.

March 6 marks the 57th anniversary of the Smutty Nose island murder, called by some the Wagner murder. The tragedy was much talked about and commanded the front pages of the Boston newspapers for quite a while. Louis Wagner was hanged, but doubt enough was aroused in the case so that the hanging resulted in strong agitation against the death penalty in Maine. A review of the famous case will be of interest to many York county people, many of whom have forgotten the details of the famous island tragedy. The crime was the most revolting in the history of Maine and New Hampshire.

On the night of March 6, 1872, Lewis Wagner, a Norwegian fisherman of Portsmouth, N. H., left Portsmouth harbor in a small dory and rowed 12 miles to the Isle of Shoals, bent, it was claimed, on murder and robbery.

At Smutty Nose island there lived John C. Hontvet, his wife, her brother and his wife and a sister. On this night the men were in Portsmouth, and the women alone on the island.

Wagner knew this, and, after landing, he easily gained admittance to the house, where he encountered Miss Amelie Christison, and hunted after her awoke the others.

Mrs. Hontvet escaped with only her night clothes on, and hid among the rocks. Wagner murdered Karen and Amelie Christison, and hunted after Mrs. Hontvet, but he was forced to leave for fear that she would take to the boat and escape to the other island, leaving him on the island with his victims. He rowed to Portsmouth, and appeared at his boarding house as usual, but he could not eat any breakfast. Later he shaved his beard and went to Boston.

In the meanwhile Mrs. Hontvet, as soon as the sun arose, signaled the men on the other island, and they came to her assistance and took her to Appledore island, where she was cared for, and a message was sent to Portsmouth, notifying the police. She had recognized Wagner, and the Boston police were notified, and after some good work they located Wagner on North street, and turned him over to Marshal Johnson and Deputy Entwistle of Portsmouth.

The return of Wagner to Portsmouth was an interesting moment for the police.

A marine guard was at the depot to keep the crowd in check, but the train was stopped outside of the depot and Wagner hustled down through the streets to the police station, followed by a howling mob, which only needed a leader to lynch him. He was held five days in this city pending a decision as to which state this island was in, Maine or New Hampshire. It was finally decided that it was Maine territory, and the prisoner was turned over. He was subsequently tried and executed.

The chief grand jury with a new trial was held in York county court, the crime was called "Smutty Nose."

and the crime, therefore, being one for the federal courts to deal with. The exceptions were all overruled.

While confined in the old Alfred jail Wagner made a sensational escape and was for several days a fugitive in the woods and swamps up in that direction. Hunger, fear and exhaustion led him to give himself up.

The strongest point the prosecution had to combat in the trial was the claim of the defense that it was impossible that Wagner could have pulled a dory on that winter night, with the tide conditions as they were, out to "Smutty Nose," remained on the island as long as was claimed and been back in Portsmouth at the time witnesses swore they saw him in that city.

MARCH 3, 1930.

MARK M. GORDON DIED SUDDENLY IN QUINCY, MASS.

Former Police Board Member Stricken in Friend's Office.

Mark M. Gordon, a life-long resident of this city, a former member of the Maine house of representa-



MARK M. GORDON.

tives, for six years a member of the board of police commissioners, and for ten years foreman of the yard crew at the Saco-Lowell Shops, died suddenly Saturday forenoon in Quincy, Mass., where he was visiting.

Mr. Gordon was calling at the dental office of Dr. G. Smith, an intimate friend in Quincy, when stricken Saturday forenoon. Relatives in this city were notified just before noon Saturday.

His age was 77 years, 3 months and 8 days. He was born at the Gordon homestead on the Pool road, the son of the late Mark and Mary Murch Gordon. He resided at the homestead place, and was educated in the local schools.

After leaving school, Mr. Gordon learned the trade of stone cutting, working at this trade here at Stonington, Conn., and in other quarries. When a young man he went to sea with the late Captain Waldo Hill. The schooner on which he shipped was off Cape Hatteras. He re-

turned and resumed work as a stone cutter and followed this trade several years. Later he was made foreman of the yard crew at the Saco-Lowell, retiring from this position a few years ago because of ill health. For years Mr. Gordon was active in the political life of the city and prominent among the Democratic leaders in ward one. He served two terms of three years each as a member of the police commission.

He was a member of all the Masonic bodies, and of the Shrine, a member of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Stonington, Conn. He was quite active for years in his membership of these organizations.

Mr. Gordon is survived by one son, Harry Gordon, and a sister, Miss Mary A. Gordon, both of this city, and a brother, Arthur M. Gordon of Peoria, Ill.

The body was brought over the road Saturday by Dennett & Craig and funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Main street, Saco.

JUNE 13, 1931.

Wins Scholarship



REBA E. JOSE.



JAN. 29. Mrs.
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MAY 2, 1931.

HISTORY OF SACO. Days of Peace.

The War of 1812 was over; peace was declared December 24, 1814, and as one writer puts it: "Saco was relieved from the greatest danger to which it had ever been exposed."

The old town certainly held a notable celebration and high carnival.

The academy was in session in the old schoolhouse in the park when the new-reached Saco and the church bell of the First Parish, given by Colonel Cutts, proclaimed the glad tidings.

The preceptor, Ezra Haskell, tearing the bell and a great shouting in the street, sent a boy to find out what was going on and soon the lad rushed in, gasping: "Peace is proclaimed! Peace is proclaimed!" "School is dismissed!" said the teacher very calmly, and all went forth to join in the jubilee.

The citizens of Saco and Biddeford proceeded to celebrate in a rather unusual but most admirable fashion. A subscription paper was circulated to raise money, but not to burn up in powder and fireworks, or to hire a band which should play patriotic airs. Oh, no! The money was to relieve the poor people of the two towns. The list of contributors contains many of the old names, still familiar. Thornton, Cutts, Nye, Scamman, David Buckminster, Fairfield, R. C. Shannon, Hartley, Emery, King, Chadwick, Calef, Tucker and Bradbury are among the many Saco names and just as many from the other side of the river: Jordan, Thacher, Pierson, Tristram Hooper, Maxwell, Cleaves, Spring, Murch, Wardwell, Warren and Sawyer, with others.

The names of over 70 men are on the original paper in the York Institute, but a number have been lost, as the paper is much defaced and a portion has been torn off.

During the winter there were many festivities in Saco and Biddeford, expressing the general good feeling over the cessation of hostilities, but none gave more pleasure or excited more admiration than the famous Peace ball, given by Marshal and Mrs. T. G. Thornton, nee Cutts. This was not until late in the season, a good authority giving the date as April 1, 1815.

Dancing had been a very popular amusement in Saco for several years and it is said that there was a dancing-school there as early as 1809, with a master and fiddler coming from Portland, but nothing previously given had been of such elegance and display as the "Peace ball."

The affair took place at the tavern of John Cleaves, and the musician was the noted Fiddler Gray of Portland. This hotel had a real ball room with a spring floor, which made the dancing something to be admired and wondered at, for the men could indulge in pigeon wings and double shuffles that were really acrobatic feats.

The light was furnished by innumerable wax candles, which gave an illumination far more becoming than gas or electricity, and the decorations and supper left nothing to be desired. All the first families on both sides of the river attended. The only "regret" of which one reads is the note received from Preceptor Haskell of

the academy.

"Preceptor Haskell returns his compliments to Marshal Thornton, for his polite invitation to a ball, and requests, as a compliance with this request would not be in perfect accordance with his views and feelings, that he would have the goodness to excuse him."

"Saco, March 30, 1815."
Mrs. Moses Emery, mother of Judge George A. Emery, was Sarah Thornton, daughter of the host and hostess, and was present at the ball and in her later years enjoyed telling her young friends of this notable affair, and to her excellent memory and graphic recital the following description is due.

Place to the men first, for what would a ball amount to without them?

"Their coats were of blue, brown or plum color or dark green broadcloth, with collars and cuffs of another color, either white or buff, with gilt buttons. The shirts had ruffled bosoms and the waistcoats were of silk damask, embroidered with silk or gold, and the older men still wore satin or corduroy

small clothes, with black or white silk hose and shoe buckles. All army or navy officers were in full uniform.

Now for the ladies:
"Madame Thornton, pale yellow satin and rich lace.

"Madame Tucker (Hannah Scamman), pearl colored robe of twilled silk with a deep border and a vandyke of nuns lace.

"Madame Nye, Eunice Cutts, white satin, with an overdress of white India mull, embroidered with gold, and Brussels lace which was an heirloom in the Cutts family.

"Madame Cleaves of Biddeford, cream-colored brocade with gold lace.

"Miss Betsy Thornton, pale blue satin, and Miss Sarah Thornton (Mrs. Emery), a delicate pink satin."

The material of these two dresses had been taken from a British ship captured in the late war by an American vessel. The gowns were made with low collar, short puffed sleeves, and many of them are still in existence in Saco, Biddeford and Kennebunk.

The next excitement in Saco was of an entirely different character. New England and of course this entire section did not want the War of 1812, fearing for her commerce and shipbuilding, and these two interests did suffer terribly. When the new president, James Monroe, entered upon his term of office he found that the people of New England were in such a state of discontent and dissatisfaction that his first job was to conciliate this section of the country. During the summer of 1817 he traveled through certain parts of New England by coach or on horseback, there being no railroads.

He was an old soldier, having served in the Revolution under Washington with distinction, which is always an asset to a political candidate, and had the gift of making friends easily. A second term was already being talked of and he was counseled to look after his fences, which is a term all old dyed-in-the-wool politicians appreciate. Through Marshal Thornton, Saco promptly sent an urgent invitation for President Monroe to visit this town, on his way from Portsmouth to Portland. On July

18, 1817, he left Portsmouth at 6 o'clock and crossed to the Kittery side, where he was received by

Marshal Thornton and others. An address was presented to him and the party proceeded to York, where they were entertained at breakfast by Judge Sewall. Then at Kennebunk a public reception was given to the president, after which he passed through Biddeford and Saco.

A most courteous reply had been sent by President Monroe to Marshal Thornton's invitation and the marshal had specified in the same the order of exercises which would take place in Saco, and it is said it was carried out in every detail. The presidential party was met at the bridge, where a fine arch had been erected, by an escort of mounted men and others in carriages. Twenty young girls dressed in white, to represent the number of states then in the Union, strewn roses in front of the distinguished visitor as he passed along. The Hon. Ether Shepley presented President Monroe with an address, which had been approved previously and is recorded in a town book. This address was a most creditable production and only the limits of this article prevent its insertion here, and the president's reply was in the form of a letter, which is here given:

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Saco:

"Fellow Citizens:
"I receive with great sensibility the cordial assurance of your personal respect and regard. That the principal object of my tour is of great moment must be manifest to all; since the confidence of the whole nation in their government is greatly strengthened by the complete security, as far as this is practicable, of every part of our territory.

"The confidence you express in me, I cordially reciprocate; and if by a faithful discharge of my duty, I may providentially contribute to the happiness of the whole American people both your and my most ardent wish will be fully accomplished.

"James Monroe."
Having received many marks of approval and congratulation from his Saco admirers, President Monroe, escorted by the same mounted troop, kept on his way, the horsemen leaving him at the Scarborough line. He reached Portland in good time, spent that night and Wednesday in that city, and on Thursday returned to Dover, N. H., where he passed that night.

One reason why we read and hear so little of the president's visit to Maine is that it has been somewhat obscured by that of the hero and popular idol, Lafayette, which occurred just eight years later and of which so many accounts have been written.

It may interest the reader to learn that in the next presidential election James Monroe was the successful candidate, receiving every vote in the electoral college save one and that was lost to Monroe because it was not considered the proper thing that any man, after Washington, should receive the full number. "Noblesse oblige!"

After the excitement caused by the visit of President Monroe to Maine and the rather spectacular greeting or reception given by him in Saco was over, the attention of the citizens was turned to the matter of the separation of Maine

from the old Bay state. Some uncertainty was felt as to the success of the project for there were towns which were very indifferent, while others were decidedly opposed. Among the latter was Eliot, whose vote in 1819 was 20 for separation and 122 against the plan.

In June, 1819, when the question came up before the legislature in Boston, there were 100 petitions from incorporated towns in favor of separation and one of these was Saco.

The act of the legislature had provided that a vote of the inhabitants of the District of Maine should be taken on the last Monday in July and if a majority of 1,600 could be obtained delegates should be chosen to meet in convention at the court house in Portland on the second Monday in October, 1819, to frame a Constitution for the new state.

On July 26, 1819, at the first town meeting held in the new meeting house, the citizens of Saco voted for separation, 325 to 16. Returns from all the other towns in Maine showed a majority of 9,959 in favor of the change to statehood and so the other plans were carried out as had been arranged.

Ether Shepley, William Moody and George Thatcher, Jr., were chosen delegates from Saco to the Portland convention, and on December 6, 1819, the towns voted unanimously to adopt the state Constitution.

Maine was admitted to the Union by congress March 4, 1820, and became an independent state March 16 of that same year.

Portland was the first capital of the new state and the first legislature assembled at Portland on Wednesday, May 31, 1820.

The old meeting house in Saco was used as a town house until 1825. After that the town gatherings were held in the vestry, which was on the First Parish lot on the Post road in 1823.

William King, living in Bath, but a native of Scarborough, was the first governor of Maine.

Estelle M. Tattersson.

FEBRUARY 23, 1939.

S. G. Buchanan Died Last Night at Old Orchard

Sydney G. Buchanan, a resident of Old Orchard Beach for the past 20 years, died Wednesday evening at his home, Union avenue. His age was 65 years, 2 months and 24 days.

Mr. Buchanan was a baker by occupation and for 25 years conducted a bakery on Main street, Saco.

He was born in Canada, son of John and Margaret Buchanan.

He was a member of Lebanon lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lebanon, N. H., and a member of the Baptist church of Laconia, N. H.

He leaves his wife and one sister, Mrs. J. F. O'Neill of Cornwall, Ont., and two brothers, John W., of Derby, Vt., and Robert, of Long Beach, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Old Orchard Beach Methodist church.

JULY 19, 1928.

W. H. H. BRAGDON DIES AT HOME ON POOL STREET

Former Street Commissioner—Widely Known in Two Cities.

William Henry Hutchins Bragdon, for many years prominently identified with the granite business in Biddeford, at a time when this business was in its most flourishing state, the hills about the city yielding their greatest output, who afterwards became street commissioner, died at his home, 157 Pool street, this morning at 6 o'clock. His death occurred in the house in which he was born 67 years ago, the date of his birth being Dec. 16, 1860.

Three years ago Mr. Bragdon sustained an injury to one of his knees while engaged as yard foreman on the southern division of the Pepperell company, which incapacitated him for further activities, and six weeks ago he experienced a shock. Two weeks later his condition became so serious that he was confined to his bed for the most time, although he was occasionally able to walk about his room. Three days ago he experienced another and very severe shock, his entire left side being affected, after which he sank steadily.

Mr. Bragdon was born in this city, a son of Charles H. Bragdon and Susan Hutchins. He attended the public schools of the city and then learned the granite business under his father, who was associated with the late Joseph Gooch in operating quarries on Granite street. Upon the dissolution of this firm, Mr. Gooch entering into partnership with the late Charles Haines and continuing the business on Granite street, the elder Bragdon acquired a quarry in the Pool road section, which he operated, his son being associated with him. Upon the death of his father, the son continued the business for a number of years. The Bragdon family did an extensive business in furnishing granite foundations locally, such as the Main street bridge and corporation buildings. Among other contracts, Charles Bragdon was active in securing the lot in City Square upon which the Universalist church stands, supplied the granite for the church building foundation. The Bragdon family also shipped large quantities of granite to Massachusetts and to Providence, R. I., to be used in the construction of breakwaters. After carrying on the business for seven or eight years Mr. Bragdon disposed of his quarries and for a time was employed by various granite concerns. Later on he was made assistant to the late Clarence E. Richards, who was street commissioner, and upon the latter's retirement from this office he became street commissioner, filling the position for two years. He then entered the employ of the Saco-Lowell company, where he remained until 1919, when he was made yard foreman of the southern division of the Pepperell company, retiring in 1925 on account of the injury to his knee. In politics Mr. Bragdon was originally a Republican, but for the last 15 years he has been affiliated with the Democratic party. He was genial and sociable and was well known and much liked, and his passing was much regretted. He was up to that time, according to

He is survived by his wife, Harriet S. Bragdon, who is confined to her home by a serious illness, and three daughters, Mrs. Carrie E. Rumery, wife of Attorney Clarence B. Rumery of this city; Mrs. Cora Horn, wife of Robert I. Horn of South Portland, and Mrs. Susie King, wife of Alexander King of Portland.

The funeral will be held from the Pool street home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the service will be private. Relatives and friends are asked to call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

JANUARY 14, 1932.

ALVAH E. BAIL, PROMINENT SACO RESIDENT, DEAD

Alvah E. Bail, a resident of Saco for 48 years and formerly a resident of West Buxton, died Wednesday



ALVAH E. BAIL.

day at his home, 47 Green street, Saco. His age was 66 years, 10 months and 28 days. Mr. Bail was a prominent business man for 25 years. He was engaged in the plumbing business first in the firm of Norwood and Bail, and later for himself. He was born in West Buxton, the son of William and Ella Berry Bail.

Mr. Bail was a staunch Republican, serving several times as alderman. He was on the board of overseers of the poor, serving also on city, county and state committees.

He was an attendant at the United Baptist church. Mr. Bail was a kind, benevolent man, noted for his many charities and kind deeds. His loss will be keenly felt among a wide circle of friends.

He is survived by his widow and one son, and his mother, Mrs. Jason C. Hooper. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock from his home.

Saco Factory Was Destroyed 100 Years Ago Wednesday

The factory on Cutts Island, now Factory Island, Saco, was totally destroyed by fire 100 years ago Wednesday. The entire block with brick walls, seven stories high and machinery in years he has been destroyed with the which \$100,000 was invested, was burned. Between 400 and 500 men and women were thrown out of employment. It was the most disastrous fire in Saco up to that time, according to

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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29, 1932.

DR. HENRY RENY DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS



DR. HENRY RENY

Dr. Henry Reny, A. M., Ph. G., M. D., M. E., for years an active figure in professional circles here and prominent in many activities, died Thursday afternoon at his home on Bacon street, following a lingering illness. For several years past Dr. Reny confined his practice to office work because of his health, but for many years conducted a large general practice.

Dr. Reny was born in Waterville, March 23, 1856, the son of George and Clothilda (Mathieu) Reny, both natives of Canada. He received his early education in the public schools of this city, and in 1885 was graduated from the Maine Eclectic school of Lewiston. He acquired an unusually wide knowledge of drugs at the National Institute of Pharmacy from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of Ph. G. He was given an honorary degree of A. M. from the Potomac university of Washington.

Active practice was started by Dr. Reny in 1885 in Gardner, Mass., where he continued for a year before locating in this city. He had continued here since that time.

Dr. Reny was first married in 1879 to Miss Malvina Bellevue, who died in 1882. One child was born to them, the late George H. Reny. Dr. Reny was again married in 1884 to Miss Celina Smith of Lewiston, who died in 1899. Two children were born to them. He was again married in 1900 to Miss Mary Robin, who died in 1901. In 1903 he was again married, his bride being Miss Mary McGraw.

The late physician was always

interested in the affairs of the city and for three years served as a member of the common council.

Dr. Reny was an ex-president and a member of the Maine Eclectic Medical society, a member of the New England Eclectic Medical association and the National Eclectic Medical association, and was president of the Alumni society of Potomac university, also a medical examiner for the Modern Woodmen of America and the Catholic Order of Foresters. For several years he took a prominent part in fraternal activities.

He is survived by two sons, Edward H., of Reny Bros., Saco, printers, and Edmond A., a well-known physician in Augusta, and a daughter, Miss Corinne, a teacher in the special English school on Washington street.

Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock Monday morning from St. Andrew church.

DEATH CALLS BIDDEFORD RECORD WAR VETERAN

APRIL --- 1926
**Frederic Greene
Passes on at 83**

**In Service of Pepperell
For 50 Years**

Frederic Greene, one of the most conspicuous figures in local Grand Army circles, prominent as an Odd Fellow and who retired as overseer of weaving in the Pepperell mills 10 years ago, having completed a half-century of service for the company, died suddenly at his home, 22 Stone street, Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A heart attack was the cause of death at the age of 83 years.

The news of Mr. Greene's death came as a shock to the people generally of the two cities and especially to his associates as it was not known that his health was seriously affected and even Saturday forenoon he had been about the city as usual, meeting and talking with friends and acquaintances. He spent a portion of the day in taking care of a load of wood that had been delivered at his home in the morning and late in the afternoon he assisted Supt. E. Payson Gibbs of the Pepperell company, who lives next door on Stone street, in felling a tree in the latter's yard. He returned to his home shortly after 4 o'clock and Mrs. Greene noticed that he appeared somewhat exhausted. She prepared a stimulant and gave it to him in the sitting room. A few minutes later she returned from an adjoining room to the sitting room and discovered that during her brief absence he had passed away while sitting in his chair. He had died without uttering a word or making a sound of any description.

Dr. D. E. Dolloff was summoned and pronounced death due to a heart attack. This, the physician stated, was not the result of exertion connected with the day's activities, but had gradually been developing for some time.

In the passing of Mr. Greene Biddeford experiences a distinct loss and the citizens generally regard his death with profound sorrow. There are few men in the city better known than was he and few enjoy

the respect and esteem to a larger degree than did he. He possessed a wide acquaintance and in the circles in which he was most familiar he and his associates were held by the closest ties of friendship. His personality was an unusually engaging one, his companionship was much sought and enjoyed and both as a citizen deeply interested in the welfare and advancement of his home city and as a member of the bodies with which he was affiliated he occupied a position of high regard. In the home circle his life was ideal and to the members of his family his death comes as a crushing blow.

Frederic Greene was born in Saco, Nov. 26, 1843 and was a son of Judge Frederic and Lydia (Thompson) Greene. He attended the public schools in his native city and at the age of 15 entered the employ of the Pepperell company as bobbin boy under Superintendent Stevens Everett. He remained in the mills until 1860 and then went to Europe of weaving in the Pepperell mills with Capt. Robert Cleaves of Saco, years ago, having completed a half-century of service for the company, land.

He returned from his trip abroad with the determination not to reenter the mills but was dissuaded from his purpose by Superintendent Everett and later entered the weaving department and completed a service of 50 years. In 1872 he was made an overseer of weaving and was given charge of the weaving in the Nos. 1, 2 and 4 mills on the upper division. There were over 2,300 looms in these rooms. He retired from the company's employ 10 years ago the coming July and has since lived a retired life.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Greene enlisted in the 29th Maine regiment of Infantry, commanded by Col. G. L. Beals of Norway. Uranus Stacy of Saco was a member of the same regiment and company in which Mr. Greene enlisted and is the only surviving member locally of that company. Mr. Greene served for three years and had a fine war record. He was in the Red River campaign under General Banks and participated in a number of engagements. In the Summer of 1864 the 19th corps to which the 29th Maine was attached, was ordered to Washington and later this regiment served in Virginia under Phil Sheridan. Mr. Greene saw a good deal of service in the Shenandoah Valley and in Georgia. His entire service covered a period of 680 days.

Returning North Mr. Green, who became a citizen of Biddeford in 1867, reentered the employ of the Pepperell company and was promoted until he became an overseer in 1872. Throughout his mill life he easily displayed a marked ability for the positions he occupied and he enjoyed the utmost confidence and approval of the management and the high esteem and good will of the

help under him.

In politics he was a Democrat and represented his ward in the lower board of the city council. He was urged to become a candidate for alderman from Ward 6, but declined because he felt that it might interfere with his duties in the mills. He was elected a member of the School Board in 1896 and served three years. In his younger days Mr. Greene was quite prominent in amateur stage productions, generally essaying military parts, in which he was very successful. He possessed an excellent voice and was frequently heard in concert. He joined Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F. April 25, 1875, and was elected noble grand in 1879. He was an ex-chief patriarch of York encampment and was a member of Canton Dearborn, Patriarchs Militant. He was elected lieutenant colonel of the 1st regiment and was awarded a veteran's commission for life. He joined Sheridan post, G. A. R. in its infancy and always was one of its most interested members, rarely missing a meeting and being invariably found taking a conspicuous part in the observance of Memorial Day. He was commander of the post in 1919 and 1920.

Mr. Greene is survived by his wife, who, before marriage, was Miss Mary A. Young of Kennebunk, their marriage taking place April 9, 1868, and two children, Mrs. Lillian, wife of William H. Foss of Providence, R. I., and Frederic B. Greene of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The funeral will be held from his home Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

MR. SMITH RECALLS.

Editor Biddeford Journal: I remember well when Saco's Town Hall was built (I was some less than 10 years of age) and when finished Saco's fire apparatus was moved from Pepperell square into the new quarters on the ground floor of the building. Each fire company had a room for their engine and a room for meeting purposes. The names of the engines were Niagara and Deluge. The house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on Main street was a part of one of the engine houses on Pepperell square.

Miss Moody taught school in the building now owned by Mr. Wilson and I was one of the pupils. Lydia Chadwick, George E. Twambly, Carrie Adams, Tristram Jordan and James W. Smith were a few of her pupils. When I attended Miss Moody's school the back end of the building was all open. The upper story was used for the

school room. The teacher and scholars are all gone but me.

The other half of the old engine house was moved to Middle street and was owned for some years by Captain Samuel Gilpatrick, who occupied it for several years.

I have seen many changes in the years since my early school days in Saco and Biddeford.

JAMES W. SMITH.
Portland, Maine, Feb. 20,
88 Illsley Street. 1932.

Postmaster Robert A. Alexander of Saco, who succeeded Postmaster Rufus L. Doe, appointed



ROBERT A. ALEXANDER

to fill out the unexpired term of the late Postmaster John P. Coughlin, was born in Saco, in 1890. His education was obtained in the public schools of Saco, and he was graduated from Thornton in 1908. He took a prominent part in athletics, playing on the football, baseball, basketball and track teams. He was also managing editor of the Tripod one year. Following the completion of his education at the academy he entered the employ of the York Mfg. Co. as an accountant, and later was advanced to chief inspector, which position he held at the time he received the appointment of postmaster.

Always active in politics from the time he attained his majority, he had served as a member of the Republican city committee, as city auditor, and was a member of the common council. He is a member of Saco lodge of Masons, the chapter, council, and of Bradford Commandery, K. T. He is a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine.

DECEMBER 9, 1938.

Mrs. E. M. Piper Died Today at Home in Saco

Mrs. Mathilda C., wife of Captain Edwin M. Piper, practically a life-long resident of Saco, died at her home 16 Bartlett street, Saco, early this morning. Her death followed a long illness. Her age was 83 years, nine months and 15 days. She was born in this city, daughter of Warren and Elmira Cleaves. When her health permitted, Mrs. Piper attended the School street Methodist Episcopal church, Saco. She was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity.

Mrs. Piper leaves her husband, a niece, Mrs. John Potts, Saco, and a nephew, Arthur Thurston, Saco. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

OCTOBER 27, 1928.

Old Houses in Saco.

Biddeford and Saco are always so closely connected in my mind that a story of the old houses and homes of this section is unfinished business until the tale includes the eastern bank of the river. Saco has some wonderfully fine specimens of architecture of the time of the Revolution or the end of that century, and the first years of the eighteen hundreds, in which her citizens may well take pride.

Crossing the bridge over the Saco river and landing on Indian, Cutts or Factory island—take your choice of names—the first house of note is the famous Cutts mansion, on the high bluff overlooking the river and the shores on either side. No one who

looks on that spacious, well-preserved house should be ignorant of its history, for Cutts has been a name to conjure with in Saco for more than a century and a half.

When Thomas Cutts first came to Saco in 1758, he was only 22 years old. He came of a very distinguished family of Portsmouth and Kittery, a family that had been known in that region since 1645, or about that date, when the first two brothers, John and Richard Cutts, adventurous young men, whose father had been an adherent of Oliver Cromwell in England, reached the Isles of Shoals, self-exiled from a country ruled by King Charles the Second. A third brother, Robert Cutts, grandfather of our hero, reached Kittery some years later and engaged in shipbuilding and trade from the port of Portsmouth, becoming prosperous. His son, Major Richard Cutts, father of Thomas, was a man of great distinction in this province. He had a commission in Sir William Pepperell's regiment, in the expedition to Louisburg and held a number of civil offices. The family lived on Cutts island, Kittery, in a very large house, one room of which was of a size to dine 50 or 60 people at once.

Madame Wood, the first novelist of Maine, of whom I wrote recently, described at length the house on Cutts island, Kittery, and I quote a little from her book: "The arms of the Cutts family, with quarterings innumerable, were carved over the immense fireplaces, the mantels of which were adorned with branching silver candlesticks. The floor was daily rubbed with wax till it became like a fine mahogany table. The walls were ornamented with paintings and the six dozen pewter plates bore upon their edge the crest of the family." Much more is told by Madame Wood of the style and even elegance in which the

Cutts family lived, all of which is introduced here to show the kind of people and style of living in which young Thomas Cutts was raised.

He had been in some trading business for himself, though so young, which had not proved successful, so at the age of 22, he burned his bridges behind him and borrowing \$100 from his father, came to Saco. I have told you before of the small house and store he built at the foot of the hill on the land he bought first and that house is still standing. In 1782, Mr. or Colonel Cutts, as he was later known, had greatly prospered in business, had acquired much of the land on the island and he built the large house at the top of the hill and lived there the rest of his life where he died in 1821.

The house is of the best style of architecture of that period, with exceptionally fine wood work, and has a view down the river that is one of the

coldest used to sit at a window overlooking the river where many times he could count at least twenty of his own vessels in the water between the islands and the first Narrows. This house now belongs to the Pepperell corporation and is the home of the agent, Mr. Whitehead.

The house I know best of all is Thornton hall on Main street, owned by Thornton academy and occupied as a dormitory or home for the academy teachers. It was built in 1800 by Mr. Joseph Leland, who intended it for his own use. Every man of means, building in those days, had rather grand ideas, which were displayed in the construction of his home. This house is really one of the most imposing, in appearance, in town. It has a wonderfully fine staircase and an architect from Boston who visited the house a dozen years since told me that the proportions of the hall, staircase and long drawing-room were absolutely perfect, and several photographs have been made of the hall and stairs. The land on that side of Main street was once the property of Sir William who lost his estate here in our American Revolution, through favoring the side of England and the British king. The land was afterward sold to various parties and Mr. Leland bought a large piece of ground.

After building this stately home, he found it altogether too large for one family to occupy and we are told that he simply went through his garden and erected the fine brick residence now owned and occupied by Mrs. Almira Locke McArthur. His large house was divided and made into two homes and remained a double house until it was taken over by the academy. One-half was the home for many years of Mr. B. F. Hamilton and his wife, the widely known Sarah Fairfield Hamilton, a woman who was identified with so many fine institutions in the city.

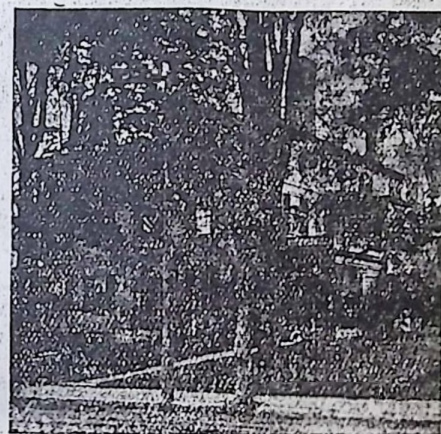
The brick house built by Mr. Leland for a home, the present property of Mrs. Almira McArthur, was inherited from her mother, who was descended from several old families of Saco, and whose maiden name was Miss Marcia Cleaves. Mrs. McArthur has shown rare taste and judgment and has retained the features of the house that made it such a fine example of the building art of the early eighteen hundreds. The house is literally a museum of antiques, not only in furniture, but in china, glass, plate and old portraits and costumes. She has a collection of colonial glass that is much admired and valued by those who are interested in Americana and has been most generous in allowing her friends and others to inspect the many treasures of her home.

One of the finest specimens of these old houses, once stately residences, is the building on Main street known as Most Holy Trinity church, which, with the old Woodman house, next to the church, has been occupied by that parish for a dozen years or more. I do not know who built the house, but can recall the names of Bradley, Wiggin, Rice and Berry among the owners. Rev. Father Mahoney once told me that he had a complete history of the house, if ever I needed to consult it, but the good father is no longer in town, being out of health, and his information is not available.

Passing the monument and square, there are several houses, each with a story interesting in this connection. Just above is the Unitarian parsonage, which, in its early days, was once called the Greene house, the occupants being of that name. One of Captain Hartley's daughters married a man named Greene and was always afterwards known as Mrs. Elizabeth H. Greene. As will be seen, Hartley's house was close by



HISTORIC MANSION OF COL. CUTTS.



THORNTON HALL BUILT IN 1800

and it is very reasonable to suppose that Mrs. Greene and her numerous family of that name occupied this house. I was told some years ago that the first mass celebrated in Saco by a Roman Catholic priest occurred in that house in 1820. The Mr. Greene then living there was a Catholic and a priest of that faith passing through the town was a guest in that house and before leaving conducted a service and celebrated the mass.

The first site for a Roman Catholic chapel in Saco was at the corner of Elm and North streets and was held for some time in trust by the bishop of Boston.

One of the most notable members of the famous Jordan family was Colonel Tristram Jordan, third son of Captain Samuel Jordan of lower Biddeford, who was born in 1731. He was married to his first wife in 1749, when he was only 18 years old, and went to the east or Saco side of the river to live in the old Pepperell house. He was one of the first merchants or traders on that side of the river, at the Falls. He held various responsible offices in town and county before the Revolution and in 1787 was made senator in the Massachusetts legislature. About the close of the Revolution, he moved from the Falls to his property at Deep Brook, two miles north, on the Buxton road,

here he died in 1821, aged 90 years. Colonel Jordan had a family of eight children; but the three daughters connected with this story were Sarah, who married in Saco, in 1775, Colonel Nathaniel Scamman, third son of Captain Humphrey Scamman; Hannah, who married Captain Solomon Coit, a ship master of Saco, in 1775, and Mary, who married Daniel Granger in 1792.

These daughters settled on Main street, above the monument and park. In the house now owned and occupied by Miss Mary A. BrADBury, lived Captain and Mrs. Solomon Coit and it is supposed the house was built about the time of his marriage, though possibly a few years later, one date given me being 1787. Captain Coit died in 1797 and the next occupant of whom we have record was a man remarkable in many ways, who left a lasting imprint on the life of the town. This was Captain Samuel Hartley, who was first known in this vicinity in 1786. During the War of the Revolution he was mate on a vessel commanded by Captain Solomon Coit and was on the ship when it was captured by the British. Soon after he arrived in town he married Hannah, daughter of Parson Fairfield, who was a Congregational clergyman here for 40 years. From 1796 to 1812 Captain Hartley was himself in command of a vessel sailing to Liverpool, England. After the war he gave up the sea and his voyages to England and engaged in business. He was a trustee of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution from 1827 to 1849 and trustee of Thornton academy from 1811 to 1826. He passed away in 1857, leaving three sons and three daughters, one of them the Mrs. Elizabeth H. Greene mentioned above. The second son, John F. Hartley, attended college at Thornton academy and graduated from Bowdoin in 1829. John Fairfield Hartley held various offices of trust under the United States government in Washington, D. C. until he resigned from his position as assistant secretary of the treasury in May, 1875, and made an extensive tour of Europe. He later returned to Saco and settled down in the old homestead, the property having then been in the family for nearly a century, and called it the old Hartley homestead.

The large tract of land on the opposite side of Main street has borne the name of the Hartley field ever since the old captain's day and there have been but few encroachments upon it. This old house has for a number of years been the property of the Bradbury family, now represented by Miss Mary A. Bradbury, attorney-at-law, and is still an ornament and great credit to the city.

Sarah, daughter of Colonel Tristram Jordan, married Captain Nathaniel Scamman, third son of Captain Humphrey Scamman, in 1775. Captain Nathaniel Scamman erected the set of buildings above Thornton academy, now owned and occupied by his great-grandchild, Miss Edith Scamman, and her invalid mother. The date given me in connection with this house is 1800, although there is a little confusion in my mind as to this date. Miss Scamman is a worthy descendant of this good old stock, and the house, spacious and stately, is a real repository of interesting and valuable articles of various kinds, dating back many years. Miss Scamman herself could write a most interesting story of the old place and her mother is conversant with much of the early history of the old Saco families.

The Jordan, daughter Mary, who much later married Daniel Granger, was mistress, I am told, of the house

now known as the Shannon house and occupied by Mrs. Nellie, widow of the late Charles Shannon, so well remembered. This house was the home of the Granger family for many years and artistic tastes and temperaments seem to have been always the atmosphere of the place, for more than one of the Granger family were artists of the brush and pencil, and the Shannons have always been a musical family.

I wish I could give you the story of the next house, recently purchased by Dr. Paul S. Hill, and for a number of years the property of H. R. Jordan. My recollection goes back only to the seventies, when it belonged to Joseph Hobson, a well-known lumberman of that time. The house is a fine specimen of the early eighteen hundreds and it is easily one of the finest places in Saco today.

Oh, these fine old houses that are so plentiful and many of which must be passed by.

No place in Saco today carries more real interest with it than the old Fairfield home on Beach street near Laurel Hill, so long the home of Governor John Fairfield and his descendants. Judge George A. Emery tells me that the house was not built by the governor, as I had supposed, but by Parson Elihu Whitcomb, who was ordained successor to Parson Fairfield, July 3, 1799. Rev. Mr. Whitcomb preached the dedicatory sermon for the new First Parish church when it was completed, on February 12, 1806, and continued pastor for some years. His salary had been fixed at \$360 and he was given \$500 to make a settlement, this being some time earlier, before the new church was built. In 1800 they increased the bonus or \$500 gift by \$100 more and his salary was raised \$10 per year. Doubtless it was after receiving these sums of money that he built the house on Beach street.

Judge Emery, who always has some amusing anecdote to relate of old times and is a raconteur not to be disregarded, told one or two stories about the parson that, while showing him to be a very clever man, were like the efficiency end of a bumblebee, as they left a little sting for the parson, which I refrain from repeating. But then, Parson Whitcomb was not a Unitarian.

Governor Fairfield bought the home and farm in 1836, while he was in congress and not yet governor. He spent most of his time in Washington, and the volume of his letters, edited by Arthur G. Staples, of the Lewiston Journal, contains many a reference to his home. In that house a notable family grew to manhood and womanhood and their descendants still occupy the old place.

Some little distance down the Ferry road stands an old house, well known to all, the Amos Chase place, with the wonderful old elms about it. He came to town in 1763 and settled at the Ferry, after purchasing a part of the Captain Humphrey Scamman property, and for several years maintained a public ferry. Ten years later, in 1763, he moved to the present location of his home, about two miles from the sea. He was a prominent man in the church and in town affairs generally and was highly esteemed. One fact told of him for many years was that he drove the first wheeled vehicle into Saco, from Kennebunk, or farther west, and in those early days that made him a marked man. He did nothing more gratefully remembered than when he planted and cared for those beautiful elm trees that surround the house. His wife was Miss Sarah, daughter of Samuel Cole, and it is said he was married before settling in Saco.

I am well aware that I have omitted

to mention a number of old houses that really deserve a story all to themselves—old houses on the side streets with which I am not familiar—old places that are only a name to many—the old Barrows house and the place now rescued from gradual ruin and restored to a condition even better than its early days—the house owned by Mr. James P. Garland. Then the old brick house a mile or more out on the Portland road that was once known as the old Southgate place, now the property of the St. Louis Orphanage and School for Boys. All the way to the Scarborough line are specimens of the old-time houses and homes. The life that went on in those homes is now like a sealed book, the contents of which are gradually allowed to slip out of our minds and our memories.

Estelle M. Tatterson.



J. BURTON STRIDE.

MARCH 22, 1932

Mayors Who Took Oath On Monday



Jerome A. Morin
Biddeford



John D. Fernald
Saco

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Fortunes Rocks Much Changed Since Early Days

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6, 1938.

FOUNDERS DAY AT FORTUNES ROCKS

Wednesday, Aug. 3, was quietly observed as Founder's Day at Fortunes Rocks. It was August 3, 1872, that Warren C. Bryant purchased from one John Curtis this tract of land now known as Fortunes Rocks, and held by him until his death in 1898, when it was bequeathed to his children. The only building on the premises when taken over by Mr. Bryant was an old barn which, in later years, with improvements and additions became known as Gray Lodge and is occupied by Mrs. Fannie L. Smart as a summer home. Ever since the 60th anniversary in August, 1932, the residents have quietly observed their day by displaying Old Glory to the breezes.

Many changes have taken place since the first Founder's Day in 1872. Modern homes have been constructed, dirt roads have become state-highways, rough and uneven land has been developed into well-kept lawns and dotted with flower gardens and shrubs,

and the fresh water ponds present an attractive picture mornings, with an abundance of pink and white water lilies in bloom.

Some of the first men to erect homes for their families were: John and William Berry, Ferguson Haines, Hosea Gordon, Judge A. H. Jellison, Zebulan Staples, I. D. Hooper, G. E. Wedgewood, Benjamin Wedger, H. Browne and William Lunt. Many descendants of the above-named men occupy homes here at the present time.

The descendants of Mr. Bryant, the founder, who occupy homes at the present time, are his daughters, Mrs. Hortense B. Bond, of Biddeford, Mrs. Mildred B. Smith of Reading, Mass., Dr. Isabelle B. Hieserick, of Biddeford, and Mrs. Ethel B. Libby of Saco. There is one son, W. Clement Bryant, formerly of Saco, now residing in Winthrop, Mass., who, until recently, owned a summer home here. Three grandchildren also occupy summer homes here. They are Mrs. Marion B. Genthner of Biddeford, Mrs. Rachel S. Brooks and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Stenbridge of Reading, Mass.

In the early days of develop-

ment, social gatherings were held in private homes, where all were welcome and many happy occasions are still memories of the older inhabitants.

In 1880 sociability was centered at the bowling alley, as Mr. Bryant was responsible for having the alleys and part of the building transferred by ferry from the Saco side across the river to the Biddeford side at Ferry Lane. From here they were hauled by oxen, down the Pool road across the stretch, (so-called in those days) to the present location. Here the parts were assembled, additions built, a second story added to the front and a small section was partitioned off and the first store at the Rocks came into existence.

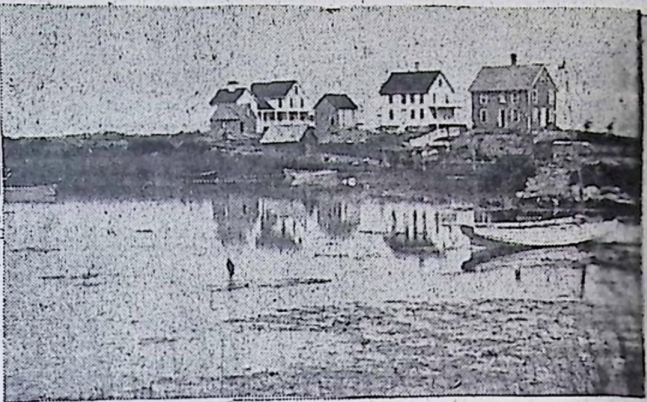
This little store carried a small line of groceries, an assortment of candy, mostly stick candy, and round jaw-breakers, B. L. plug tobacco and pipes. Also spruce beer bottled in stone bottles which are now a curiosity to the present generation.

Bowling became very popular and dancing was a favorite pastime, music being furnished by an accordionist. Evenings the people in the cottages met at the alley to talk over the gossip of the day, bowl, dance and many brought their sewing and knitting.

These were all very happy vacations with everyone leading the simple life.

Fortunes Rocks receives its name from one Francis Fortune, who was shipwrecked and reached shore alive. He was befriended by Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter, who received him into their home. He worked on their farm and later when Mr. Rossiter passed away, married Peggy, the wife. They had two sons who went to California during the "Gold Rush" in '49. At this time they signed over to the city of Biddeford all their rights and in return, the city was to care for Francis and Peggy Fortune during their declining years.

Both are buried in the field by the Lily pond at the base of the "Big Rock," so-called, and their graves are marked by two slabs of dark marble.



There have been many changes at Fortunes Rocks since it was settled as a beach resort, it is pointed out by descendants of the early settlers. Founders' Day was quietly celebrated Wednesday at the resort when flags were flown to mark the yearly observance in memory of the founders of this fast-growing resort.

At left is an old-time picture taken at Fortunes Rocks.

showing the early settlement near the point, where the founders built the first cottages.

At right is a picture taken of the same point yesterday, showing many cottages built on the original site of the settlement. There are several descendants of the original owners of the land still making their summer homes there.

Biddeford Journal Photo

MARCH 29, 1939.

CAPT. H. KING DIED TUESDAY

Familiar Figure on the Saco River for Many Years

Captain Herman H. King, well-known resident of the two cities during his entire lifetime, died at a Biddeford hospital Tuesday, following a short illness. His age was 65 years, 3 months and 28 days.

A follower of the Saco river from youth onward, Captain King, besides being known to the traveling public during his operation of a ferry and fishing boat at Camp Ellis over a long period of years,

was a boat builder of note. During his period of service on the Saco river and in Saco bay, he met and was known to a wide circle of friends in the eastern part of the United States. He was an attendant of the Biddeford United Methodist church.

Born in Saco, the son of Cyrus and Amanda (Bisbee) King, he was survived by three brothers, Richard B., Edwin J., and John C. King, four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Isabelle King, Mrs. Maudie O'Neil and Mrs. Geneva Cossifas; four nephews and a niece also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

DECEMBER 2, 1939.



MRS. ROGER P. MOORE.



AY 4, 1928.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS ON WHITE CHURCH

Written by Mrs. E. M. Tatterson—Was the Big Feature of Membership Programme.

One of the most enjoyable features of the church membership supper and programme held at the White church Wednesday evening was the short historical address written and delivered by Mrs. Estelle M. Tatterson of Saco. The address, in part, was as follows:

One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the short historical address given by Mrs. Estelle M. Tatterson, a part of which follows:

Second Congregational Church.

The first church organized in the present city limits of Biddeford was incorporated in 1797, under the laws of Massachusetts, of which Maine was a part until 1820, as the second religious society of Biddeford. It was formed on professedly liberal principles by a number of prominent men of the time, among them Jeremiah Hill, Mr. Mellen and Judge Thacher. To quote, however, from an old authority—"they soon came into Orthodox grounds" and with others who joined them formed the second Congregational church, March 5, 1805. The first regular pastor was Rev. John Turner, formerly of Alfred, who was installed in 1808, and he remained pastor until 1817. In 1823 Rev. Thomas Tracy from Cambridge came to Biddeford as a candidate and preached several times. He pleased the people so much that he received a call to stay with this church for a term of 5 years and was ordained January 14, 1824.

The most notable event of his incumbency was the visit to the church and service of General Lafayette in 1825, during his memorable journey to Maine. The general was the guest of Col. Samuel Spring of the famous old home, on Springs Island and was taken to church where he heard the Rev. Mr. Tracy and expressed much admiration for his discourse.

A little later, the liberally-minded members of the congregation withdrew and going to Saco, where there were many more of the same stripe formed the Unitarian church, with Dr. Tracy as their pastor.

The first church building on this location was erected in 1797-1798. The Second Congregational society prospered in spite of the defection of the liberal members, and the original edifice was remodelled and much improved in 1840-1841, but the society still grew in numbers. More room was needed and the building was sold to the then new Free Baptist society and moved to Jefferson street, where it now stands much enlarged and beautified.

On this same site, the Second Congregational society proceeded to erect a much larger edifice and the building committee consisted of James Smith, Thomas Cole and William Berry, names that are still treasured in the church records. Mrs. William P. Hooper gave the

ball to the new church in October, 1868. The parsonage was built in 1863. Until 1868, the pews were the property of their several owners, when all but two were deeded to the society and running expenses were met by the rental of the pews, sold in December or January of each year.

The building erected in 1850 was a fine example of New England church architecture, well situated on rising ground, overlooking the town. It had a classic front with pillars and a most graceful spire all painted white. It then received the name of the White church, which in spite of changes in color it still retains and will doubtless always bear that title. In the very early seventies, during an autumnal gale, the spire was thrown down and in 1873, the building was remodelled and the present front added. It was at the period when there was a spirit of change and so many stately old edifices suffered from this attempt at improvement, which is so much regretted at the present time. To those who remember the stately "White church," the church on the hill, the new front is not so beautiful and symbolical as the old. A cut of our former church is in existence or was in 1905, at the celebration of the centennial and appeared in the souvenir programme of the exercises.

In 1875, the society lost some of its members, who withdrew and with various new comers formed the Pavilion church society and built the brick church on Main street, now the McArthur library. For a number of years the two Congregational churches were well filled but times changed, people died or moved away. There were many changes in the character of the population. The city was growing fast and new citizens were many of them, of the Romish faith and fewer and fewer Congregationalists dwelt among us. Finally a move was made by members of both societies and with the Rev. T. A. Frey many of them returned to their mother church, others went elsewhere and since the early nineties there has been but one Congregational church in the city.

Previous to 1892 there was a burying ground adjoining the westerly side of the church grounds, belonging to the society—a part of this was taken to form the lower part of Graham street.

The Second religious society was formed in 1797, at a legally called for that purpose. Nov. 18, 1895, it voted to authorize three of its members, S. L. Boynton E. W. Staples and E. H. Gove to convey all of its real and personal estate to the Second Congregational church of Biddeford and the same was conveyed Jan. 16, 1896. Much of this sketchy bit of history is known to many of you.

In my recollections there have been many changes. I have known them, yes, four generations of the Staples family, prominent in church affairs, valuable men and women, old and young. These are descendants of the old Berry family belonging to the White church. The Goves are with us among those who cannot be spared. Mortons and McIntyers still sit in these pews; the Bukers, Hills, Goldthwaites, Libbys and Hoopers answer to their names on the rolls. The name Burnham is still with us, but the Garland family lives across the Saco. Where are the Newcombs, Mrs. Emily Dudley, Mary Parker and a host of others full of good works?

It is a fine old church with its

wonderful traditions and it is true that its latest days are splendid and encouraging. Do you know, as I look back on days gone by and then in the present, it really seems to me (or is it, my friends, that the change is in me) that there is a greater spirit of tolerance, of Christian love and fellowship than there was years ago. We are less critical of each other and far more in touch with our clergy. We don't look so much for heresy and false doctrine as our elders did long ago. One hears less criticism of the pulpit than there was 25 years since.

I recall when this same church had a reputation not quite generous in that respect—so much so that the ministers often changed. Sometimes they could not stay; sometimes they would not remain with matters unpleasant, and 30 years ago or more on the occasion of welcoming a new pastor, one good sister said to me: "You do not seem very enthusiastic about the new minister." I could not resist a sharp reply and said: "I'm saving my enthusiasm to help him more in about two years"—and sooth to say within that time I was bidding that family farewell. But that old reputation is all changed now—and in a review of the last 20 years you will agree with me, our clergymen have left us with regrets on both sides.

These verses are not mine, but express my sentiments and I wish I could have written them:

MYSELF.

"I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know; I want to be able, as days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye. I don't want to stand with the setting sun And hate myself for the things I've done, I don't want to keep on a closet shelf A lot of secrets about myself, And fool myself as I come and go Into thinking that nobody else will know The kind of a man I really am; I don't want to dress myself up in sham. I want to go out with my head erect; I want to deserve all men's respect, But in the struggle for fame and pelf, I want to be able to like myself. I don't want to think, as I come and go, That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show. I never can hide myself from nie; I see what others may never see, I know what others may never know, I never can fool myself and so Whatever happens, I want to be Self-respecting and conscience free."

E. M. T.

MARCH 25, 1932



RALPH N. PERRY
City Clerk, Saco



WALTER J. GILPATRICK
Park Commissioner, Saco

SACO WOMAN STROLLS THROUGH MEMORY LANE

The toast "A Walk" responded to by Mrs. Mary Lowell of Saco at the Old-Home dinner, held Wednesday in connection with the Tercentenary programme, was of so much interest from a historic viewpoint, that all present requested that it be published in the Journal. Mrs. Lowell said:

If you have religiously read in the Journal the letters by Mrs. Tatterson, Thornton academy graduation essays, and the ninth grade you will easily see why I have not the temerity to touch Saco on any strictly historical side. Personal reminiscences might put me where one good soul unwittingly placed herself.

Having left town and coming back for a visit she dropped in for a chat with her former co-workers in a tailor shop—with, "don't you remember"—"of course you remember"—and a final thrust into the long ago of—"you must remember"—and as she walked out, one of the group was heard to say—"Well, a woman with such a memory."

I love the name Saco, I have always felt a bit of a thrill as I wrote Saco, Maine, at the head of a letter—it had dignity. But our Walk . . .

I was born in the house at the corner of Main and Summer streets, and having given you my reasons for safety first I am asking you to start from there for a walk with me, and we shall have to step to finish the promenade in the allotted time.

About half way down Hartley's field stood the last lamp post on our side of the street, coming from down town. How well I remember the spring day—the last day of school—the street was a mass of soft mud I was about along by that lamp post—when I was hailed from the other side of the street—"Mamie, I am not coming to school next term—if I come across the road—may I kiss you good-bye?" Ah well—the days are just as lovely, the street is smooth and hard—but no one hails me now. Life is that way.

On to the corner—sometimes in a spirit if levity—called Brimstone corner—where in the beautiful church ministers—good men and true—served their hour and moved on—but Charles Shannon served as organist for over 40 years. He and his very talented family were the inspiration and center of most of the money-raising activities of the church. We bow deeply to two memory.

Continue our walk along only to pause shortly before the door of the house where lived Cornelius Sweetser. Do we realize the extent of our indebtedness to Mr. Sweetser?—the most liberal benefactor Saco has had—and Saco is a favored city among cities.

Once more we courtesy—and move down a few steps, stop before the Hamilton House, for here abode two souls of pioneer courage. Mr. Hamilton shook the entire community on its moral foundation for he hired a woman as clerk in his dry goods store. Mrs. Hamilton braved the Women's

end, no, the beginning of votes for women.

Here, also, was launched that daring venture of a woman's club, the Diaz Union. Mrs. Abbey Shapley Riversmith was its first president. The Diaz Union later became the E. & I. Union, one of the oldest women's clubs in the state.

Down the street we move our hurried feet, come to a store where we have to go up three or four steps. Opening the door, a bell clanged loudly. We walk in. On the right, in a room, sat Mr. Neal,

making his famous brushes; at the back, a door opened and Mrs. Neal, dainty little soul, checked shawl pinned smoothly across her shoulders, entered, to stand before those glass jars metal tops they had, and each jar was filled with sticks of different colors. Looking down over the counter, Mrs. Neal would say to me: "I like you to come in, you are just the age of my little girl." Dear child, the grasses on her grave had been growing 40 years, but it made one feel very worth-while in spite of the horrid smell of Mr. Neal's glue. I liked to go there.

Those were the days before the penny became consecrated to the work of the Lord, a copper cent, or possibly a two-cent piece was legitimate spending money for a child and appreciated. The selection of that stick was not to be undertaken lightly nor unadvisedly, so—

On our way we travel once again, but we must stop to peep into the window to watch Mr. Tracy Hewes, a small man, heavy brown wig, large leather apron, as he sits or stands sewing harnesses, beautiful harnesses, with shiny leather trimmings, brass or nickel mountings. A rare sight for children today. The big dapple gray-wooden horse, all decked out, in perfect leather was the up-to-date trademark for a harness shop.

Next we pull up before a busy, thrifty hotel—the Saco House. Before the doors there always stood a hack or two with a pair of horses ready to take you, your hand luggage and your heavy trunk, strapped onto the back, to the station, for 25 cents.

Down a bit to Pepperell Square on our walk. A square teeming with business—loads of hay being weighed on John Tounge's scales; loads of cordwood waiting for a buyer; farmers' teams standing about while the owners traded; horse trough in the center of the square; the postoffice at the back—and, oh, the hectic excitement of the 7.30 mail. Many got letters, many a Darby met his Joan, and many came for the exchange of local news. Poor youngsters of today—you cannot know the post-office thrill.

Along Main street, past the wooden Indian that stood before the cigar store, to Factory Island—Saco was absolutely a self-contained city. Here on the island were book stores, shoe stores, dry goods, millinery and fancy goods—not store, but stores. Around the bend was Cow Durgin's candy store where you bought a delicious confection never seen elsewhere. We cross the street to the York

Mfg. Co. office, for over that office was housed the York Institute—open Saturday afternoons—not so slow. Turn our faces homeward and come up on the north side of the street, climb a flight of stairs and find E. P. Burnham, assisted by his wife, running the Saco and Biddeford Savings bank in two rooms.

The Saco Athenaeum was also in this building, open Saturday afternoons and two evenings. I imagine nothing more frivolous than the works of W. M. Thackeray who was stacked here, but it was the nucleus of our fine library.

Just before we reached the bridge there was a low rambling building, a fancy goods store, and after all these years I am making public confession that I harbored a private boycott on that store. The proprietress would greet me, "Hullo Sis," and I resented her "Sis." Only necessity took me to her shop.

On and up the street to climb one more flight to find the York National bank presided over by Messrs. John and Sumner C. Parcher. Mr. Bradbury's wife built the beautiful home of the Dyer library in memory of her husband. Mr. Parcher lived and labored among us till of recent date. All honor to these men builders of Saco.

The men seem to have figured largely in the shopping district, for there were several furnishing stores, hat stores, and tailors. I think D. M. Owen and Son, one door west of the York bank, must have been the Brook's Bros. of Saco for I found a bill to Mr. Ichabod Jordan, date of Sept. 17, 1866, for coat, pants and vest, \$41.

We might drop into Freeman's Oyster house for refreshment. On one side ran a counter where the oysters were shocked while you waited. On the other side were little booth-tables in the middle where patrons enjoyed Mr. Freeman's famous oysters. So much more desirable they seemed to me than oyster stew at home.

The last store in the line was Daddy Fernald's, who upon being asked the price of a pound of figs replied: "I do so little wholesale business, I hardly know how to charge."

The same uncertain sky line prevailed, and I do not think there were fortunes amassed, but they all lived, moved and had their being.

We hasten up to North street corner, where in place of the Eastman park, for years remained the cellar of a saloon burned, and about the burning of which were mysterious legends, and it was said the unsightly hole was kept there many years for spite. I chiefly remember the tall billboard on the North street side.

Here we are at the last lamp post on this side of the street. It seems but yesterday I was watching a man, his arms hrown in loving embrace about that post while he sang to it impassioned love songs. Yes, even before prohibition, we occasionally saw and heard undue hilarity on our streets.

I could tell you of the horse-racing when the pace was fast and furious, from the pump to the corner. There were many good horses in town. I could tell oh—so many things of the dear people gone, alas, like our youth, too soon, but history is ever in the making.

Time passes and much change doth bring! And sets a bound to everything. True wonders still of him are brought, Who setteth up, and brings to naught.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

An old Saco fireman contributes a story of the tragic blaze, which caused the life of one man and reduced to ashes the Old Eastern depot on North street, in Saco. The fire occurred on a bitter cold December night, in 1879. The thermometer was way below zero and the old-time fire fighter remembers that the firemen suffered much from the cold. The name of the man who perished in the fire was never learned. About midnight, with hardly sufficient clothing to cover his body, the stranger hobbled into the large waiting room and asked Station Agent Charles Knowles if he could stay in the station until morning. When James Anderson, the night telegrapher reported for duty, the agent told him that he had given the man, who was at that time sleeping on a settee, permission to remain in the station overnight. The agent attended a play in Biddeford that evening and returned to Saco on the Pullman train. As he had some reports to make out, he went to the ticket office and was busy at work when the man suddenly leaped from the settee grabbed up the stove-shaker and sent it through the ticket office window, where the agent and night operator were working. The man, for such he is believed to have been, next grabbed up the stove-poker, and flourishing it over his head, advanced toward the ticket office. The agent reached into a drawer, took out a revolver, pointed it at the madman and three times commanded him to stop. The agent then fired. The man dropped to the floor and remained perfectly quiet. Supposing that he was dead, the agent and operator rushed to the apple factory directly across the tracks for help. The entire night crew turned out, and ran quickly to the depot. When they arrived the supposed dead man, pale in hand was thrashing around the waiting room, smashing windows and the kersey wall lamp. In a few minutes the interior of the station was in flames. No one dared enter the station and cope with the maniac. The fire department was summoned, but in spite of its efforts, the depot was destroyed. At daylight the charred body of the man was found in the ruins of the firemen. A coroner's jury exonerated the agent and telegrapher from all blame, they having acted in self-defense. Every effort made by the police and railroad officials to learn the name of the man was unsuccessful. The body was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery.



Miss Marion Sowell
of Saco

JANUARY 3, 1939.

RUFUS A. FAIRFIELD, PIONEER WHEELMAN, DIED SUDDENLY

Rufus Albert Fairfield, 87, employed by the Pepperell Mfg. Co. for 55 continuous years before his retirement, Oct. 9, 1925, the first man in Maine to ride a bicycle, and the second oldest member of the League of American Wheelmen, and organizer of the once famous York county Wheelmen, died suddenly at his home, 15 North street, in Saco, Sunday morning. His death was caused by a heart attack. He had been afflicted with a heart trouble for a number of years. He was about the house as usual Saturday and was down town several times during the week. His sudden death came as a shock to his many friends in the two cities, and to members of the York County Wheelmen's association, of which he was the oldest member.

Mr. Fairfield was born in Saco, the son of George A. and Harriett Nichols Fairfield, in the old Fairfield home on Beach street. He was educated in the public schools of Waltham, Mass. After he had completed his education he came to Saco on a visit and never returned to Waltham.

Mr. Fairfield, known by his intimate acquaintances as "Al", who was recognized as one of the leading cotton experts in New England textile plants, entered the employ of the Pepperell company in its machine department, Oct. 31, 1870.

After working in this department for years, in 1881 he was transferred to the countingroom and placed in charge of the cotton and waste department and continued to serve in that capacity until October, 1925, when he was retired from the active ranks of the corporation and placed on the honor roll. He sold and shipped all the waste of the company for 41 years and for four years during his employment he also had charge of the Pepperell yard.

When the two corporations, the Pepperell and Laconia, were amalgamated in 1909, Mr. Fairfield took over the duties of handling the cotton for both divisions. When Mr. Fairfield first took over the handling of cotton about 18,000 bales were received each year, while in later years as many as 72,000 bales were received each 12 months.

It might be interesting to note that among the different agents under whom he served was the late William P. Haines, who was agent when he entered the employ of the company, the late Henry S. Howe, the late Robert McArthur, the late Ernest L. Morrill and Howard R. Whithead.

During his life Mr. Fairfield attained considerable fame as a bicyclist. He was the first man in Maine to own and ride a wheel. It was while at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia he saw an English bicycle called the "Duplex Excelsior." He was so pleased with it that in June, 1878, he went to Boston and purchased one of them. He learned to ride the high wheel that summer and was one of the sights of western Maine as few had seen a bike before. The following year a few other Maine men bought wheels. At that time there were only about 30 riders in the whole country. He was one of the first men hereabouts to sell automobiles, establishing an agency in Saco many years ago.

Mr. Fairfield was the founder of the York County Wheelmen which at one time was the largest and most powerful wheel club in the state. The club had its inception in the kitchen of his home on Main street, Saco, Sept. 4, 1883. He was elected the first president and continued as head of the wheelmen for several years.

At one time Mr. Fairfield was a prominent member of the Saco Snowshoe club and served as president of the club for some years. He was an attendant at the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church for years. Although public spirited and active in everything that had to do with the betterment of the city in which he had passed most of his life he never sought public office.

He was held in high regard by the officials of the Pepperell company during his long years of service and universally respected by all of the workers in the big textile plant. He will be missed by

the members of the York County Wheelmen's association of which he was a member.

His kindly ways and geniality has endeared his memory to a great many persons in all walks of life in the two cities.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Rear Admiral Arthur P. Fairfield of Washington, D. C., George A. Fairfield of Mincola, N. Y., and one brother, Frank H. Fairfield, of Clearwater, Fla.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., at his late residence, 15 North street, Saco.

APRIL 8, 1939.

A WHILE BACK

Solution: After graduating from Saco high school and taking a business course evenings in a private school, A. L. T. Cummings became reporter, city editor and editor of the Biddeford Daily Times. He was an Associated Press correspondent for York county and special Maine correspondent for both the Boston and New York Herald. He was secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce for eight years, and then secretary and managing director of the York County Mutual Fire Insurance company of West Buxton. He is still active in the fire insurance field. Besides his work in the three fields listed above, Mr. Cummings is a 32 degree Mason, an Odd Fellow and member of both the state and national grange. The fact that Mr. Cummings received an honorary degree of Master of Arts from the University of Maine and that he was president of the Portland Rotary club does not complete the list of activities of this unusual man.



88 R. A. FAIRFIELD.

A WHILE BACK



Just a Short Voyage.

The streets of our towns, the highways all over our state, are filled with motor cars. The shrieks and cries of the horns fill our ears; the odor of gasoline is everywhere, in the residential streets, and wafted on the balmy breezes through the rural districts. The unrivaled scenery of our beloved Maine is brought to our car doors and windows as we go flying through the land. Some of us have no cars, but must depend on kind friends, owners of these necessary luxuries of today.

There are left to us little journeys on river or by rail that may be enjoyed at very slight cost and which bring to us beauty, spots and historic scenes that belong to bygone times. We must not forget these modest pleasures and now and then I'll remind my public of some such expeditions, sans automobile, sans noise and sans dust.

No more beautiful river is found in Maine than what one writer called the sinuous Saco. It is the great artery that runs through the most vital part of our two cities, the theme of song and story since the days of Martin Pring in 1603 and three years later, of Champlain, the great explorer and map maker for the king of France. Rising in the "White Hills," which were objects of veneration to the red men, this "fair and goodly" stream of the early settlers finds its winding way through Conway meadows and by Fryeburg's pleasant fields, down through the county towns, receiving the Ossipees in its embrace, until at Hollis and Buxton it pours through the gorge and sweeps on to Biddeford, Saco and the islands in its splendid journey to the sea.

Let me tell you of a favorite little journey of mine for years more than I care to reveal. We'll embark at the Island wharf and here let us stop for a few reminiscences, a favorite trick of mine. When I was a girl and after I became a young woman, there were many days on the river, playing on the islands and the Pool. I remember the old Augusta, named and commanded by Captain William Hill and named for his popular wife. Family tickets for the season were issued, costing not very much, and the fortunate possessor of that pasteboard could collect his entire family, be it ever so large, and take passage on the boat for every regular trip it made for the summer, if he was so disposed. Our family was large and Captain Hill made but little out of us, rest assured.

After several years she was succeeded by a larger craft, the Samuel E. Spring, and the pilots were old river-men who knew every bar and shoal between Cow island and the Gut. On rare occasions we were taken "out round Wood island" and during the season, when fine moonlight nights occurred, there were moonlight excursions with music. In the days of the Augusta we stopped at the old hotel at the Saco Ferry and danced for a time. In those days there was another boat called the Clipper, but of that I cannot write, as I was never on the steamer. Sometimes there were exciting races between the Augusta and the Clipper and the passengers hung over the rails and cheered wildly for the victor. Picnic parties sailed down the river, lunched at the rocks at the Pool and others, just down for the afternoon, dropped in at the hospitable Yates House for a little music and possibly a dance or two. It came to pass, however, that steamboat days were over, the S. E.

and disappeared from our waters.

Canoeing was a popular sport on the river at one time and the broad reach in the stream above the Huff place, extending up to the "Narrows," and beyond, would be alive with canoes, containing pretty girls with their escorts teaching them to paddle the skittish craft. But the reign of gasoline had begun and the impudent motor boats, which seemed to appear all at once in great numbers, drove the canoes off the river; "too much wash," the boys said, for ticklish craft like canoes.

The trip down the river was too delightful and interesting to be given up after the steamboats left and motor launches, handsome, roomy, private boats, appeared, with bungalow camps belonging to the owners on the shore. The general public must have a chance at transportation and launches large enough to hold a goodly number of passengers met that demand promptly. Now I am going to digress long enough to tell you what you can enjoy this summer of 1928.

Do you wish a pleasant afternoon or all day trip on the water? Just go down to Island wharf and you'll find a good seaworthy launch ready for passengers. By the time the season opens you will find notices in the local papers and placards and posters in various places, giving dates and hours of sailing. The captain is an old friend and many a jaunt down the Saco have I taken in his comfortable boat. I am not giving away any secret, nor am I trying to work in publicity, but the initials of his name are Captain E. M. Piper, and he is surely a good skipper. His earlier boats were the Nimrod and Nimrod II. I don't know what he calls his present ship, but he'll be there, as genial and suave as ever, and can tell you all about the sights and sounds up and down the stream.

You leave the big mills behind you, then Cow island on the right and a fleet of small boats on your left. Don't forget to look behind and catch a glimpse of Cataract falls, with the spray rising. The boat slips along, with beautiful Laurel Hill on the left, that home of departed spirits, which is so restful and lovely, with its glimpses of the shining river and opposite shore. If you visit the cemetery on a perfect afternoon, death loses its terrors and one realizes that it is only a little folding of the hands to sleep and stilling of the tired brain to rest. On the other shore, close to the water, is the site of the old-time shipyards. Another time I'll tell you of the early history along our beautiful stream. We slip down round the first bend and on the right is or used to be a landing, with a short, steep road leading down to the same. There we often saw barges or sloops waiting to load with blocks of granite from the quarries not far inland. Those were the palmy days in the granite industry here. Breakwaters were built of Biddeford granite; after some searching for a fine quality of stone, Biddeford granite was selected for the pedestal of the Lincoln monument in Springfield, Illinois. On the bank above the little wharf was the spacious home of Captain William Hill, and several retired sea captains bearing the name of Hill were scattered up and down the Pool road, in sight of the river they all loved. The scenery along here away down to Wards Point is most attractive on both banks, fertile fields running down to the water's edge on one shore, and on the other trees of various kinds leaning to enjoy their own beauty and grace in the water. The right bank is bolder and more rugged all the way down to the mouth of the river. Along the left bank are com-

fortable homes and gardens and there is Camp Ellis with its pier, where you may land if you like and where you will see men and boys fishing for flounders and where small boats are coming in with finny treasures.

On the right, a short distance back from the river and easily reached by this boat, are one or two shore dinner resorts and if the imagination is vivid, we can almost smell the savory lobster and the succulent clam. Close to the shore, shaded by trees, stands the little house and outbuildings once the famous eating place known far and wide as "Huff's," where Uncle Charles with his garden and his famous wife, known to hundreds as "Aunt Mary Huff," lived, and where she started the business, which gave rise to the well-known Pool Road Shore Dinner. A little different, we used to think years ago, better than any shore dinner served farther east. On the Huff register were names of visitors from Maine to California. She was not simply an excellent woman and a good cook; Mary Huff was an institution. Pool road neighbors are proverbially good neighbors, and she was a near neighbor of mine much esteemed for many summers. Peace be to her ashes!

But we must get on or we'll never reach the Pool. Opposite Camp Ellis is the landing for Hills Beach and the Pines, both well-known resorts. There are many fine cottages scattered along through the Pines and the land is pretty well built up, nearly to Fort Hill. Rounding the breakwater, Captain Piper will find time to answer the inevitable question of strangers as to the monument on Stage island and will tell you that Basket island may be reached dry-shod from the mainland at low tide.

Usually the launch runs between these small islands and Wood island on the outer side of which towers the lighthouse known to mariners as "Wood Island light." I saw the island not long since and there are very few of the great trees left that gave the name to this outpost that guards the entrance to the Pool and to the mouth of the river. Twenty-five years ago last week a big six-masted, the Washington B. Thomas, on her maiden voyage, was wrecked on Stratton

island, off Camp Ellis, in a hard northeast gale, and the captain's wife was drowned. I well recall the dreadful night, for the wind rocked the house at Jordan Farm and we slept but little. In the morning we saw the masts of the ill-fated vessel from our windows and neighbors brought us the sad tidings.

Wood island used to be a wonderful place for picnics, perhaps it is now, but some of us have outlived the days when we went down the river in a cranky sailboat, with its white wings shining in the sun, and landed at Wood island in a small boat, clambered over rocks and underbrush and enjoyed life as partier of young men and maidens have come from time immemorial. I recall one in particular, but that is another story, to quote from Kipling, and I'll not tell it here, for it was over 50 years ago. Leaving Wood island on the left (that is not the nautical term, but I am no sailor) we enter the narrow channel between the Pool landing and Fort Hill. There are now several well built, attractive homes on the hill, and the visitor will see in a conspicuous spot the boulder or monument placed there by the Rebecca Emery chapter, D. A. R., to mark the location of Fort Mary, erected there in early times, when the Pool was Winter Harbor. The village has changed much during the years that I have known it. We used to walk

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A WHILE BACK



Do you know him? The picture was taken in 1888, just 50 years ago. He is prominent in Saco, but for many years was connected with business on the street and you have bought stationery from him. See page 5 for details and name.

Solution: While a student at Thornton academy, Charles Scamman was a first captain of the Thornton Cadets. The picture was taken when Charles was some boy. He was captain of the baseball team. For years he had charge of the Land and Water division of the Pepperell Mfg. Co., and ran the Corner Book Store, where Liggetts store is now located for ten years. He was proprietor of the garage in City square. At the present time he is putting Ward 3 of Saco on the map, having erected many homes, some 44 tenements in all.

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up from the boat to the old Yates House, owned and kept by Fred Yates whom everybody knew and liked. It was always well-filled with summer guests, as were the other hotels, farther up the hill. Deacon Holman kept a boarding-house, as did the well-known "Husséy girls," and their places were well patronized when I first knew the place. Little by little, visitors loving the place, with its wonderful view and wind-swept acres, began to build their own homes for the summer, and now it is a flourishing colony with two large hotels and numerous fine private residences. The old Life Saving Station now bears the name of coastguard station and the men in their smart uniforms are, as they have always been, valued and prominent additions to life at that resort. Electric lights, waterpipes and hydrants, telephones and radios meet us in every direction and the Pool has really urban advantages. We take a peep at the Abenaki clubhouse and the various attractions thereabouts and then hurry for the boat, waiting if it is very pleasant and warm, for the last trip at nearly 7 o'clock. The sea and river are at their most beautiful, with the sunset light shining on the water as we come upstream, and sounds from the shore are not so loud and insistent as earlier in the day. There is one bend in the Saco where we hug the shore and can see no houses; where for a minute or two you can fancy yourself an early settler coming up to the Falls in your canoe or rowboat on and errand of necessity or pleasure.

Try this little jaunt some lovely summer day, if you have no automobile. If you are so fortunate as to own a car, leave it one day in the garage and see for yourself how much more beautiful the waterway is than the highway. Very soon I shall take this route again and relate some of the stories of the olden days on the Saco and you, my patient, gentle reader, will be with me.

Estelle M. Tatterson.

JANUARY 10, 1939.

C. L. BACHELDER IS 84 TODAY

Prominent Saco Resident Is Still Active

Charles L. Batchelder of 8 Cross street, Saco, who reached the 84th milestone in life's journey today, made no attempt to observe the anniversary, although many friends in the two cities, including members of the York County Wheelmen association and fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated, who were aware of the fact wished that he might live to observe his 100th. natal day and that they might be present to help him celebrate the event.

Mr. Batchelder is remarkably well preserved for a man of four score and four. He has been a resident of the two cities for 63 years, and has a wide acquaintance, as he has always been prominent in fraternal and banking circles and deeply interested and active in civic affairs.

Mr. Batchelder was born in Falmouth Jan. 10, 1855, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Batchelder. He received his education in the schools of Falmouth, Deering, Westbrook Seminary and attended Gray's business college. It was in 1876 that he came to this city,

where he was first employed in the grocery and provision store of C. E. Pillsbury, also in the S. S. Andrews store and later as accountant for the late D. F. Littlefield, commission merchant in Saco.

For 30 years he served as cashier of the Saco National bank and was clerk in the York National bank for two years. He was treasurer of the city of Saco in 1900 and again in 1930. He is a life member and director of the Webber hospital.

He has been active in Odd Fellow and Masonic circles in the two cities for years. He is one of the oldest members of Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows of this city having joined the lodge 60 years ago. He is a member of the York Encampment and Canton J. H. Dearborn Patriarchs Militant. He is a past officer of all three of these organizations. He is treasurer of Canton J. H. Dearborn at present.

He is a member of Saco lodge of Masons, York Royal Arch chapter, Maine council and Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar.

He is treasurer of the York County chapter of the American Red Cross, a trustee of the city of Saco trust fund, and treasurer of the Saco Provident association. He is also trustee of the R. L. K. Grant estate.

He was a member of the York county Wheelmen and of the York County Wheelmen association. He served as president of both clubs and is secretary of the association at this time. He was one of the first in the two cities to own a safety. He never owned a high wheel.

It is interesting to note that at the time Mr. Batchelder was president of the York County Wheelmen he was elected chief consul of the Maine division, League of American Wheelmen, succeeding John Calvin Stevens, Portland architect, who was obliged to refuse a renomination on account of his business.

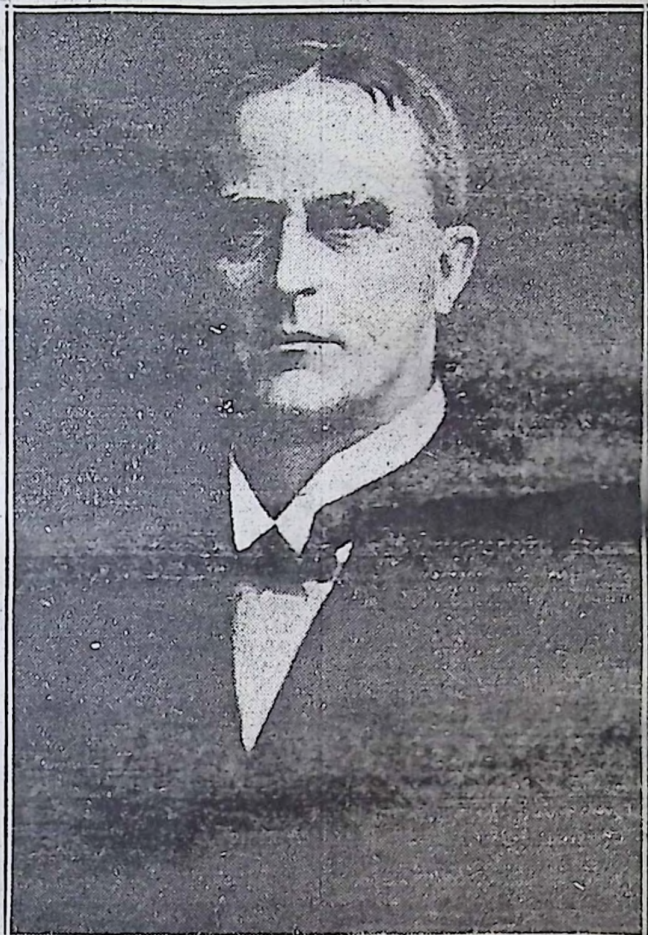
Mr. Batchelder is of the opinion that he has been a subscriber of the Biddeford Journal perhaps as long as any man in York county. He has taken the Journal since he came to this city in 1876.



—Photo by Elsie Studin—
CHARLES L. BACHELDER

SEPTEMBER 13, 1931

Portrait Of Judge Haley To Be Hung In State House This Week



The late Judge George F. Haley of Biddeford, Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, 1911-1918.

A portrait of the late Judge George F. Haley, of Biddeford, associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, painted by the well known artist, Joseph B. Kahill of this City, is to be hung the first of the week in the State House at Augusta, where Chief Justice William R. Pattangall will supervise the selection of a suitable location in the main corridor on the first floor with the portraits of other justices of the Supreme Court of the State.

Judge Haley, who was appointed April 12, 1911, and died in office, Feb. 19, 1918 was the only Supreme Court justice of recent years from York County. The York County Bar Association is sponsor for the portrait and the committee in charge included Harry B. Ayer of Saco, Walter J. Gilpatrick of

Saco, Ray P. Hanscom of Ogunquit and Frank D. Fenderson. The picture shows a head and shoulders view of Judge Haley clad in his robes of office, with a neutral background of pre-vallingly greenish tone which throws into relief the well poised head with its keen blue eyes and clear cut features and the black of the judicial robes. A work of art on its own merits, and pronounced by friends and relatives of the judge a splendid likeness, the portrait will be a fitting memorial at the capital of Judge Haley's services to his native State.

FEBRUARY 28, 1939.



MISS MARJORIE CLARK.

HISTORY OF SACO

The Ocean Queen.

That Saco is still reckoned as a port is evidenced by the many loads of lumber that in the early part of the month were moving through the streets, down to the Island wharf and were being loaded on a freighter. Lumber is still one of the great products of the Saco river country and Saco is still a port of call.

Among the many tales of ships that sailed from our Saco river in the old days, there is one related that will bear repetition in a "History of Saco." In those days, the term "shippard," as applied to the region next to the river, on the Biddeford side, was not a nickname simply given to a locality not especially desirable for ships were once built there, that sailed the Seven Seas and were manned by crews from both sides of the Saco.

The Jordan family figured in naval affairs during the Revolution and the war of 1812 and the promised story relates to Capt. Ichabod Jordan of Saco, who commanded the "Ocean Queen," sailing from this port. She was the first American vessel to enter the port of Stockholm, Sweden, with greetings to that country and bearing instructions from President Thomas Jefferson.

This event was the occasion of a celebration in Stockholm and the king and queen of Sweden were received on board the American vessel and dined with the captain. The paper conveying the instructions to Captain Jordan is still in existence. On this famous voyage, under orders from our government, he carried a cargo of cotton, coffee, cheese, ashes, oil, logwood, pepper, sugar and other articles.

Capt. Ichabod Jordan was born in Saco, Sept. 24, 1770, and died in the same house, in which he was born May 29, 1865. He married Mary, daughter of James Coffin, Feb. 5, 1797. In early life, he followed the sea and by skill, energy and attention to duty became master of a ship at 21 years of age. He was a fine sailor, had a good head for business and made many foreign voyages.

In the war of 1812, Capt. Jordan was held a prisoner on the British ship Boxer and was on board at the time of the famous battle between the Boxer and the United States frigate Enterprise, which was fought off Portland harbor. This battle was celebrated as the "sea fight far away" by the poet Longfellow, and some of you will recall that the captains of those two vessels, who were both killed in that battle, are buried in the "old cemetery" at the foot of Munjoy Hill, on Congress street, Portland, Maine.

Captain Jordan was collector of customs, under President Polk's administration, and representative from Saco in 1806.

A Famous Old House.

Many of the fine old houses in Saco have an interesting history attached to them. One of these more than a century old is the rectory of the Most Holy Trinity church.

This house was built by Cyrus King and a bit of its history is available. Mr. King was born September 6, 1772, a member of the prominent King family of Scarborough. He was the son of Richard King and a brother of William King, who became our first

academy at Andover, Mass., entered Columbia college in New York in 1790, from which he was graduated with the highest honors of his class. He began the study of law with his brother, Rufus King, in New York city, and when the latter was appointed American ambassador to Great Britain in 1776, Cyrus King went with him as secretary. He came back the next year, finished reading law in the office of Chief Justice Mellen of Biddeford and was admitted to the bar in 1797. He was a brilliant advocate, a polished orator and was called by good authority "a safe counsellor."

In October, 1807, he married Hannah, the eldest daughter of Captain Seth Storer. On his marriage in Saco, it being the custom in those days for young men of good family and easy circumstances to prepare a home for the bride's reception, it was doubtless at that time that he built the house on Main street. This is the nearest to a date for the erection of the house that could be found for this little story.

In 1812 Cyrus King was elected representative to congress, where he served with distinction for four years, returning home in March, 1817. Mr. King passed away very suddenly in his Saco home, April 25, 1817. He had been commissioned as a major general of the Sixth division of Massachusetts militia and was buried with military honors. He was also the third trustee chosen on that notable board for the old Saco academy, afterward Thornton academy, and in his funeral procession marched the trustees, preceptor and students of the academy.

The next occupant of this famous King mansion was Horace Woodman, a very widely known and prominent citizen of Saco for many years. When gas became the illuminating power on our streets and was introduced into public buildings and a number of private dwellings, long before the wonderful works and inventions of Thomas A. Edison, Horace Woodman was the man in charge of the local gas company and business. And a long time previous to the existence of the present and omnipresent Biddeford and Saco Water company, with its great reservoir on the heights near Birch street and pumping station on the Hollis road, Horace Woodman introduced a water system of his own in Saco, bringing water into the center of the town, through a succession of wooden pipes, from an artificial pond which he had made in the section now known as North East park. He was the inventor also of the self-stripping cotton card which has been much used in the cotton mills of this country.

Horace Woodman died in this house, leaving a widow and a son, Alton Woodman, who succeeded his father in business. After the Woodmans had left, there were several tenants, none for a very long period, before it became a part of the Most Holy Trinity parish. On Nov. 14, 1914, Bishop Walsh of the Portland diocese purchased the house for the use of the new Roman Catholic parish.

On May 13, Right Reverend Louis S. Walsh created the Most Holy Trinity parish in Saco and appointed as its first pastor, Rev. T. J. Mahoney, and Father Mahoney celebrated the first public mass at York Institute hall on

grew up in our sister city and was the first young man from St. Mary's parish in Biddeford to be ordained to the priesthood. From St. Mary's school he went to Van Buren college, then to the Grand seminary in Montreal and later to St. John's Ecclesiastical seminary in Brighton, Mass. After his ordination at Boston in 1909, he went to Portland as assistant to Bishop Walsh. He served as assistant priest, or curate, in Augusta, Bangor, Waterville and other places and then came to Saco. His record as a young man living in Biddeford was very creditable. He was a member of that famous society of young Irishmen, so well remembered across the river, the Emmets Literary society, and was interested in military affairs, being at one time a sergeant in Company G, Maine National Guard.

Right here the writer desires to pay a little personal tribute to Father Mahoney for his helpful and courteous attitude in the days of our busiest Red Cross activities in establishing the public health work and for the help received from him and his parish for the nurses.

Another Historical House

More than a century ago, Jonathan Tucker was a name to conjure with in Saco, for it was heard on all sides. He was a man of great ability, which was quickly recognized by his townsmen, and we find him acting on all important committees, requiring intelligence, influence and good judgment. He was born in Saco March 13, 1776, and when he came to manhood he engaged in business with his cousin, Daniel Cleaves, the firm name being Cleaves & Tucker.

Jonathan Tucker married Miss Hannah Scamman, daughter of Nathaniel Scamman, April 24, 1821. He was president of the Manufacturers' bank, located on Storer street, just around the corner from Main street, from 1825 to 1832, and was representative to the state legislature in 1840 and 1841. His name is the first to be recorded as owner of the house in question and he lived there until his death in 1861. His son, Gideon Tucker, lived there for a time after his father passed away, but although there are descendants living in the county, none are left in Saco.

A family named Rice, lived there for some years, after the Tucker regime, if my information is correct. One of the men of the Rice family had married a Spanish lady and a daughter Dolores, familiarly known in my younger days as "Dollita or Dollie" Rice, was most attractive. Later on the names Bradley and Wiggins are recalled as occupying the house, some of whom are still remembered by the older residents; a son Sam, who went to California and later became the first husband of the lady, known the English-speaking world over, as Kate Douglas Wiggins, afterward Mrs. Riggs. A sister of Sam Wiggins, Miss Lizzie Wiggins, was one of the most beautiful young women who ever went from Saco and she married early into a prominent Boston family.

In later years, John Berry, a well-known and very successful druggist in the old Biddeford house block, purchased this fine old house. He left a family, some of whom still live in Saco. Just before the World war, the place had been leased to the "Maine Amusement company," with the privilege

of purchasing and a very attractive theater was constructed, called the Colonial theater. It was in the heart of the city, which at that time had no regular place of amusement and the Amusement company put on a series of moving pictures, which were so well selected that it brought a fine class of patrons. It was also available for concerts and amateur entertainments.

When the great war came on, the Colonial was the scene of a number of war meetings; flags were much in evidence; war songs and patriotic airs were heard on all sides.

Many a local speaker gave his text for the cause, in the four or five-minute speeches heard from the stage.

"America" was sung at the opening and "The Star Spangled Banner," with its "Oh! say can you see?" brought the tired people to their feet at the close.

If a man, woman or child was a little dilatory in rising, such a one would receive by way of reminder a vigorous thump in the back, with the admonition, "Stand up! Don't you hear what they are playing?"

The first show was a regular after-supper dissipation and the place was immensely popular. During the summer of 1917 Rev. T. J. Mahoney negotiated with Mr. Alfred E. Black, president of the Amusement company, and, securing the signatures of the interested owners, a clear title was secured and on December 29, 1917, the final purchase was made from Mr. Black and the property became the present Most Holy Trinity church, well-known and highly regarded.

A splendid and dignified ending for an old house with a varied history.

The fifteenth anniversary of the organization was recently celebrated by members of the parish.

Room for One More.

On Storer street, the "Colonial," an old house owned and restored by Mr. Samuel Hall, is one of the very finest in town. It was the Captain George V. Jordan house. There must be some people in town who recall the house and the name of whom it was once said to the writer: "The old captain never forgot that he once walked the quarter-deck!"

He had two daughters. One, Miss Rebecca Jordan, was a good horsewoman and many recall her dashing through the streets and along the roads on a fine saddle horse. She died many years ago, but a sister survived her, until within a few years. Miss Adele Jordan some years ago invited the writer to visit the house and very kindly took me all over it.

It is a wonderful specimen of the architecture of a by-gone day. The carving, done by hand, on the door sills, mantels and staircases, is very beautiful and at that time the quaint old-fashioned wall papers were just in keeping. The visit was never forgotten and it was a personal gratification when Mr. Hall acquired the property, for he is a man with a taste and high appreciation of the beautiful and historic in building.

Oh! there are many interesting old houses in fortunate Saco, some of which are familiar to the writer and will be described in a later chapter, houses all the way to the Scarborough line and beyond.

well known when our state road was the old Post road between Portland and Portsmouth.
Estelle M. Tatterson.

FEBRUARY 21, 1929.

CARRIAGE MAKER HERE FOR OVER HALF-CENTURY

Ex-Alderman Townsend Dead After Protracted Illness.

Ex-Alderman John E. H. Townsend, for over half a century, until retirement two years ago, engaged



JOHN E. H. TOWNSEND.

in the carriage manufacturing business, a leader and liberal supporter of the work of the First Universalist church; staunch Democrat, who served his party in various capacities with distinction for many years, and who filled other offices of public trust with a characteristic interest and devotion, died at his home, 12 West Myrtle street, Thursday morning at 4 o'clock. His age was 85 years, five months and three days.

An illness, which had its inception many years ago, was aggravated by severe injuries sustained when he was struck and knocked down by an automobile more than two years ago. Recovering from the effects of this accident, the physical trouble that terminated in his death became accentuated and since then his decline, gradual for a time, had been steady and noticeable. His condition for months had been very serious, affording little or no hope for his recovery and recently it became extremely critical, leading to the conviction that his passing was a matter of only a short time. His confinement to the house extended over a period of but a few weeks and it was only within a day or two that he became so weak as to be unable to leave his bed. He died in full possession of his faculties, approaching the end calmly and peacefully, like one passing into a restful sleep.

The death of ex-Alderman Townsend brings to an end a splendid ca-

reer of marked activity, usefulness and devotion to public and other interests, founded on inherited and strongly developed principles. His life was one of ceaseless endeavor and he furnished an example of integrity and straightforwardness that enlisted confidence and admiration of his fellows. He was trusted and respected to an unusual degree and his death, expected as it was, is an occasion for general regret. He early earned and maintained throughout his life a tribute from his fellow citizens which found expression in the appellation "Honest John Townsend."

John Elden Hanson Townsend was born in Buxton Sept. 8, 1843, his

parents being Charles and Hannah Townsend. He obtained his education in the district schools of his native town and completing his schooling he entered the employ of Littlefield & Towle, carriage manufacturers in Saco, under whom he learned his trade, mastering each branch by an intelligent, energetic devotion to his apprenticeship. In those days a carriage maker was supposed to master his trade so as to build a vehicle complete. This was one of Mr. Townsend's outstanding accomplishments. In 1870 he entered into partnership with his brother, Charles H. Townsend, the firm of Townsend Bros. locating on Washington street and later removing to Jefferson street, where it remained for over 50 years. The partnership then being dissolved, ex-Alderman Townsend opened an establishment off Alfred street, where he remained until his retirement about two years ago.

Politically Mr. Townsend was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, unswerving in his loyalty to its principles. He served as warden in ward five for 12 years.

He was a member of the common council for three years and an alderman for six years. He served for two terms as police commissioner and upon several occasions was tendered the Democratic nomination for mayor, but always declined to accept the nomination. These were in years when a nomination was equivalent to an election. He maintained his interest in the party's activities to the time of his death.

Mr. Townsend was the last of the surviving members who were active in the building of the First Universalist church in City square. He served as deacon for over 30 years, was treasurer for five years and a trustee over 50 years. He attended the church services with regularity, sickness alone preventing and he was constant as an attendant at Sunday school, regarding with pride a gold star which was awarded him for his faithfulness in this respect.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the McArthur library for many years and was vice president of the Townsend Family association, which held its reunion annually in September at Buxton.

May 14, 1864, he married Abbie A. Brackett of Saco, who died Feb. 11, 1924. On May 14, 1914, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is survived by four children, Mrs. George W. Bridgman of this city, George E. Townsend of Saco, Mrs. Franklin J. Witham of Lewiston and Mrs. Percy Lester Tate of this city. There are five grandchildren who survive.

Funeral services will be held at the West Myrtle street home Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and will be private. The house will be open to friends from 1 to 2 o'clock.

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No. 58—Robert H. Alexander

Robert H. Alexander was appointed postmaster of Saco, March 27, 1922. He is a native of Saco, and was born Jan. 30, 1890. His wife was formerly Mary Bennett. They have one daughter, Helen. Mr. Alexander is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and before becoming postmaster he was clerk in the York Manufacturing Company.

FEBRUARY 27, 1939.

Mrs. Ruby DeLima Died Sunday

Mrs. Ruby Gurney DeLima, widow of the late Edward DeLima, died at her home, 366 Beach street, Sunday after an extended illness.

Mrs. DeLima was born in Boston, the daughter of Silas and Mary Marshall Gurney. She received her education in the Boston schools. The couple during their residence in New York spent summers at the DeLima home on lower Beach street and following the death of Mr. DeLima a few years ago, she made her permanent home here.

She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, the Woman's Education and Industrial Union, the Biddeford and Saco Garden club and many other social and literary organizations.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna C. Gurney of New York; a niece, Mrs. Charles Freer of Troy, N. Y.; a grandniece, Mrs. Anna F. Church of Troy, N. Y.; and a grandnephew, Frederick Freer of Troy, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, 366 Beach street, Saco, Tuesday noon.

Friends are invited to attend.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

Thomas W. Underwood of Saco is able to give some information regarding the five mile posts in Saco, although he is not able to tell when they were erected, or who was responsible for the placing of the mile posts. They were of stone and about six inches square. Some 60 years ago, when Mr. Underwood lived on the Eben Simpson place on the Buxton road, four or five rods this side of the Simpson road, the posts were in existence. On the other side of the road was the farmhouse of Joshua Simpson, and it was in front of his house that the five-mile post was located. He has never been able to find anyone who had definite knowledge as to when the markers were set. The four-mile post was near Sandy brook, the three-mile post near the house of Hiram Knights, the two-mile opposite a field of the late Elbridge H. Burbank, and the one-mile post in front of the brick house, just above the North street crossing on the eastern division of the Boston and Maine railroad, the home for years of Harlan P. Cobb, engaged in the dry goods business in this city at one time.

JANUARY 31, 1930.

CAPT. J. M. AKERLY TAKEN BY DEATH HERE TODAY

Organizer of Local and Auburn Light Infantries.

Captain John M. Akerly, one of the best known figures in Maine National Guard circles for years, a Spanish-American War veteran, known throughout the state, died this forenoon at the Webber hospital, following an extended illness. He had been in failing health for the past few years and had been under treatment at the hospital the past few weeks. Captain Akerly had been an active figure about the city in political circles and among the war veterans and was highly esteemed.

He was born at Mars Hill, January 25, 1847, and came to this city from Auburn.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been made today.

Perhaps there are few men who have served state and nation longer or more faithfully than has Captain John M. Akerly, who retired a number of years ago after 42 years of continuous service.

Captain Akerly is sole survivor of two companies which he helped organize, the Auburn Light Infantry and Biddeford Light Infantry.

It was in 1869 that he, with several others, was responsible for the mustering in to state service the Auburn company. He was the second man to sign the roll of that company. Captain Akerly served three years in the Auburn company and went with it as a part of the 1st regiment when that organization acted as escort to President Grant, going to the New Brunswick line. In 1873 Captain Akerly removed to Biddeford and about the first thing he did was to start organizing the company which was known as "The Biddeford Light Infantry."

In that, as in about everything else he undertook, the captain was successful, and an unattached company of 100 men was raised and mustered in. Every man bought his own uniform in those days and the one adopted by the company would appear rather gorgeous beside the present-day olive-drab.

Light blue trousers, dark blue swallow-tail coats with double rows of buttons and faced with white was the dress. Plumes and epaulets of blue and white for privates and of red and white for non-coms and gold for officers was the color scheme.

Melvin Andrews was the first commander of the company, Joseph E. Small 1st lieutenant and Doctor Davis, later a dentist in Portland, 2nd lieutenant.

For two years the company drilled faithfully, turned out with full ranks Memorial Days and Fourth of Julys, and waited for something to turn up. And in 1875 something did turn up. Orders came to go into camp at Bangor with the 1st regiment and other unattached companies.

There were two other unattached companies: Richards Light Infantry of Gardiner and the Montgomery Guards of Portland. The latter company suggested to the Biddeford boys that their companies unite in hiring Chandler's band. Captain An-

came to Biddeford and started from here with the company. The result was the Montgomery Guards hired the band and Biddeford was left without music.

This did not please the York county lads. They had a meeting right away and took action.

Hired Salem Cadet Band.

"Sergeant," said Captain Andrews to Sergeant Akerly when the decision was made, "take the first train to Salem and hire the Salem Cadet Band. Tell Faxon we want 35 pieces and if he hasn't got the best musicians he can find tell him to hire them. We want the best there is. Hire it for five days." Sergeant Akerly went, saw, talked, and telegraphed to Captain Andrews—"It will cost \$500 and all expenses to hire the band." And the wire carried back a two-word answer—"Hire them."

When Sergeant Akerly returned Captain Andrews informed him that he was detailed as one of a committee to solicit subscriptions. His part was \$300. It was a big assignment, but the sergeant sallied forth. His first call was upon Agent McMullen of the Saco-Petee (now Saco-Lowell) shop. He felt better when he came away, for Mr. McMullen gave a check for \$100, and Mr. C. M. Moses, paymaster, one for \$50. A little over three hours after he left Captain Andrews Sergeant Akerly handed him \$340 as a result of his work.

Of all men Captain Akerly was least inclined to boast, but he was rather proud of the fact that he had been privileged to grasp the hand of practically every president of the United States since and including General U. S. Grant, Hayes, Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Wilson.

No man revered the old flag more than this sturdy veteran of more than two-score years' service—no man could, for no stauncher, truer American patriot ever lived. And close to love of the flag came unchangeable and unshakable loyalty to old comrades, living and gone.

Captain Akerly remained in the service until 1911. Once an infantryman always an infantryman, and after the First Maine became a coast artillery regiment he retired with the rank of captain.

Captain Akerly was an attendant at the Universalist church and a member of that parish. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and one of the solid, substantial workers in Colonel L. H. Kendall camp, U. S. W. V. Many of the pictures which adorn the camp quarters were placed there through his efforts and he was a liberal contributor to its welfare in time and money.

There was no warmer-hearted or truer friend to all than Captain Akerly. Honest, outspoken, absolutely fearless in convictions of right, he honored the finest traditions of the National Guard of Maine in retirement as he honored them in active service.

W. E. WINSHIP DIED AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Willis E. Winship, life-long resident of this city, died Monday at a local hospital a few hours after he was taken there from his home. His age was 68 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Mr. Winship, who has been employed in taking care of boilers at local buildings for several years, was best known as a steeple-

Sunday Press Herald, July 23, 1932

Saco Builder And Wife Observe Their 55th Wedding Anniversary



Frank L. Davis



Mrs. Frank L. Davis

Special Despatch to Sunday Telegram

Saco, July 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Davis of 43 Spring Street, Saco who have resided in the two cities all their lives, observed their 55th wedding anniversary during the present week, surrounded by their several children and grandchildren. The feature of the observance was an anniversary dinner served at the Davis home for members of the Davis family Friday evening during which the widely known local couple received many gifts and congratulatory messages from relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married in Biddeford June 21, 1877, by the Rev. John T. Blades, pastor of the First Congregational Church. Mrs. Davis before marriage was Miss George Scamman of Biddeford. For many years previous to his retirement a short time ago, Mr. Davis was known as one of the leading building contractors in this section of the

state. He earned the reputation of being an expert builder and in late years his services here have been sought by both insurance companies and building owners in adjusting fire losses and in appraising properties for probate matters.

Mr. Davis is a former member of the City Council of Saco and for several terms held the office of building inspector of Saco. In his younger years he took part in numerous concerts and musicales that were held in Biddeford and Saco. He was an active member of the First Parish Church choir for several years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of this church and have been actively connected with different organizations of the parish during their residence in Saco.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have a son, Percy S. Davis, of Saco, two daughters, Mrs. Winfred W. Roberts of Saco and Mrs. Frederick J. Bryant of Auburn and three grandchildren.

jack, a trade at which he worked for many years. He was employed several times at this work here, painting the weather vanes and clocks on the Pepperell tower, the cross at St. Josephs church and similar jobs, and had worked at this occupation in several cities throughout New England. He was also employed as a painter for several years.

He had many dangerous jobs while at work at the steeplejack trade, often recounting his experiences on some of the toughest jobs that came up in the New England states.

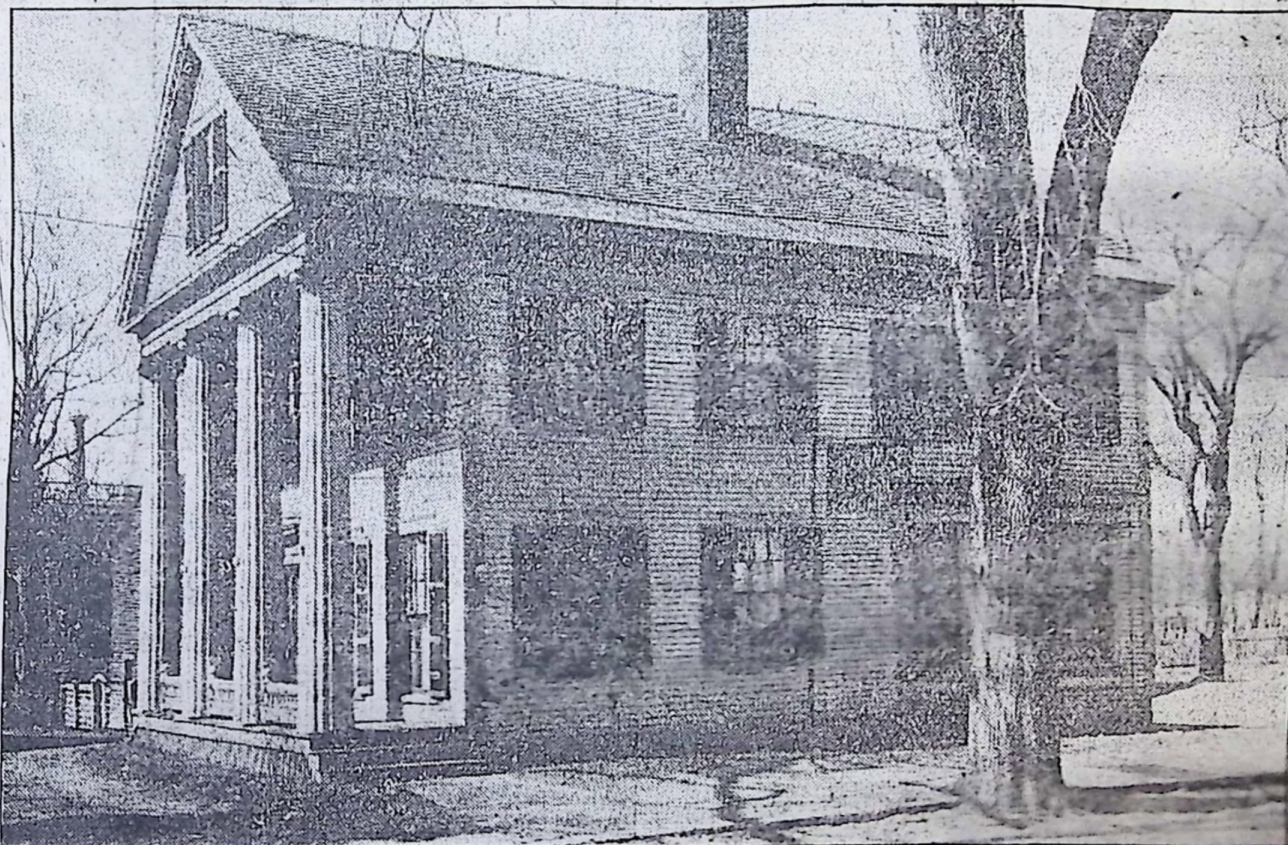
A dog fancier, Mr. Winship owned several valuable dogs at times and was expert in raising and treating the animals, and for several years he was interested in horses.

Mr. Winship was born in this city the son of Enoch and Alsana (Davis) Winship. He leaves one son, Daniel R. Winship, World war veteran and permanent man in the Central fire station; a brother, Frank Winship of Quincy, Mass., and two sisters, Miss Maude Winship and Mrs. Nettie Budge, both of Quincy, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at 2.30 Wednesday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

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Quinby Funeral Home On School St., Saco, is a Credit to the Community



In his rounds recently the Journal camera man took a snap-shot of the stately old colonial mansion on School street, Saco, which was recently acquired by Harry C. Quinby, the mortician, and converted into a modern funeral home. It is not known who built it or how long it has been built. The older residents call it the "Tracy Hewes house," and estimate it was built almost 100 years ago. Mr. Hewes was a harness maker, with a shop on Main street, which did a very thriving business in those days. Several of those now living associate Mr. Hewes with a tall black silk hat which he wore every day. During the later years the house was the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Shields.

Harry C. Quinby, the mortician, had long since realized that he needed a funeral home and with that intent he purchased the property and at considerable expense has converted the old colonial-built house into a modern funeral home. Mr. Quinby has not changed over the interior so that it has lost its original homey appearance, but has had every room papered and painted to give them a cheerful appearance—nothing of a somber nature enters into their make-up.

There is one large room where services are held and the other rooms surrounding it are so located that the voice of the officiating

clergyman can be distinctly heard in each room.

The upper rooms are used as salesrooms and there is also one room reserved as a furnished bedroom, to be used by any one who comes from a distance. There is also on this floor a well equipped bathroom.

The "funeral home" in any city is in keeping with the times. Today many people live in small furnished apartments and when sickness comes the patients are taken to a hospital. Then when death comes the apartment is too small for the final services and the Quinby Funeral Home solves the problem. There is no added expense for this service.

Every detail is attended to by Mr. Quinby and those left behind are relieved of much care and worry.

From the moment the first call is received at the Quinby Funeral Home the full resources of Mr. Quinby are at the disposal of his patrons. His service is not limited to supplying the essentials, and directing the funeral; his advice and counsel, based on his long experience, are of inestimable value to those he serves.

This modern funeral home is located in a quiet residential section at 29 School street. Mr. Quinby invites all who wish to call and inspect it. Tel. 373-R.—Adv.

Over Two Score Years In Business Partnership At Biddeford P

Two Biddeford Pool Men Who Have Fished Together 40 Years

Winter And Summer They Have Tugged On Lines And Nets And Are Still Strong For Their Long Partnership

By Alfred Elden

Here we are. Meet Messrs. Charles Hatch and Fred A. Waterhouse, of Biddeford Pool. Sterling citizens and fine fishermen. Remarkable, too, I call them. Anyway, two men must have good dispositions to work with each other winter and summer for 40 years and still be strong for their long partnership. Yet that is precisely the situation with these veterans who have been fishing out of the Saco River since 1889!

During this long span of industrial activity on their part there seems to be little doubt that they have acquired a comfortable competence, yet they are the same hard working fishermen this summer that they were when they cast their nets together so many years back. "We have never had any particularly exciting adventures that I know of," modestly asserted Captain Hatch as we recently chatted on the picturesque Pool wharf. "Of course we have seen a lot of rough water and have had some mighty disagreeable tossings about, but we always managed to get home safe and sound."

Captain Hatch might have interpolated right here that this was due to the fact that in a great measure to the manner in which he and his partner have handled their boats. They have always been navigators as they say, and not drifters. "I don't care for a lot of details, but here's the way the thing began. Back in 1882 I was a husky young blacksmith working for the Saco Water Power Company. That was the fore-runner of the present Saco-Lowell Machine Shops, and turned out all kinds of iron work, mill machinery and the like. I had a good enough job as jobs went, in those days, but employers didn't have the same ideas about wages that they do now. I was receiving \$2 a day!

Where They Started

"I wasn't exactly dissatisfied, but I did want to earn more money. There came an opportunity for me to go on a piece of machinery that was important and complicated for that time. Well, I seemed to satisfy them and made very good money for a number of years. Fred, here, was a youngster then and my helper in the shop, so really, our work together began nearer half a century ago than 40 years."

"Let's see. It was in 1882 I owned the sloop Dreadnaught here on the Saco. I always liked the water and used to spend my spare hours in her sailing and fishing. All the time something was urging me to seek other work. I couldn't see much but a broken constitution and somebody over me all my life if I stayed in the confinement of the shop. I decided to try fishing. When I told Waterhouse my idea it appealed to him and he agreed to go with me. So that's where we started."

"In 1889 we had the little ten-ton schooner Grace W. Hone built and we were off. Seemed fine to be free and independent, but don't think it was just a pleasure cruise day after day. We worked then and we work now. We fished in the Hone for nine years and then sold her. We made our headquarters here at Biddeford Pool and for several years went lobstering together in small boats always managing to do

Down at South Bristol, Gamage built us the 38-ton schooner Mabel Bryson. She was the 76th schooner, he had built in his life time; he was a wonderful boat builder. We used the Bryson for seven years for general fishing. Every April we fitted out for mackerel and went South with the fleet to the Virginia Capes. When we came back we rigged for swordfishing and generally made several trips to Georges Banks. In 1907 we sold the Bryson.

"It was hard work and expensive running a big boat, with the additional men, wages, food and everything. We have kept coming back to small craft all our lives. After we disposed of the schooner we went lobstering again. Marine motors were coming and we had the first power dory ever seen in western Maine waters. After her we had two or three other small power craft suitable for the sort of fishing we happened to be doing."

"We found that with power it was so much easier to get around that we began to wish for a big, straight power boat. We went over to Kennebunkport and placed our order at the Clark boat shop for the Mariner. She was a fine craft, built especially for gill-netting which we have been engaged in ever since she was launched."

"Mariner was 52-feet long, with a big reliable motor, and auxiliary sail power. We began fishing with her in 1914 and she was our floating home until last Summer when we had a good offer and sold her to some Italian gill-netters at Gloucester."

Mariner Too Big

"It was the same old story. She was too big — and we weren't getting any younger with the passing of the years. Then it was hard work to get good men and we had to have a crew of five or six, fishing on a scale big enough to make her pay. This was in addition to paying a shore crew here at the Pool to look after cleaning out and mending nets and keeping other gear up."

"Our expenses were big. The motor used a lot of fuel. Payroll was quite an item. We had to set a lot of nets and twine, you know, has been way up for a long time and it wears out altogether too soon at that. Taking it by and large Fred and I decided we wouldn't have to work so hard, would escape a lot of worry and responsibility, and might make just as much money in the long run, if we cut things down."

"To be sure you can't catch so many fish with 10 boxes of nets as you can with 20. On the other hand it costs a lot less in your investment and maintenance bills. We worked out a rough plan of the sort of boat we thought we wanted and got the Staples & Johnson Boat Company here on the Saco to build her for us."

Captain Hatch looked over the cap-sill of the wharf to where his partner was covering things up for the day. I asked the new craft's name.

"Hasn't any. Just a number. It's — it's — Hi, there, Fred! What's her number? Oh, yes, 9,533. You can always remember a name but a number — well, it's as hard to recall the numbers as it is to recall those on automobile plates ashore. The boat is a 33-footer and one of the biggest little craft I ever saw. We have two power plants. The main one is 25-35 horse power, then there is a second one of 14 horse power. Each one turns a propeller and is inde-

pendent of the other, even to two fuel tanks. That's so if one engine should give out we could still come home under our own steam, so to speak."

Both Are Bachelors

These two veteran fishermen have lived in an upstairs apartment in a trim little building near their wharf at the Pool for about 30 years. Neither has ever married and they keep bachelors' hall, but they enjoy the best of everything. Captain Hatch has a sister in Biddeford, while Captain Waterhouse's mother is still living in the mill city. Both fishermen maintain homes there for them.

A few unusual sidelights are that neither man has ever used tobacco or liquor, neither do they fish on Sundays. They lay no claim to more religion than is inherent in the average God-fearing citizen, but feel that six days is enough for work. If they ever owe a man a dollar they worry more than the man to whom they owe it. Should everybody pay their bills as they do collectors would have to go out of business. "Square as bricks," is the way their acquaintances refer to them. Such esteem from fellow men is worth while.

"Every day when there's half a chance," continued Captain Hatch, "except Sunday, we fish. We carry one extra man with us. Just before day-break you'll find us starting out. When we get off to our grounds we haul the net we had set the day before and put out some more. Then run in to Portland and dispose of our catch and get back home about 2.30 or 3.30 in the afternoon. Manage to put in a 12 to 14-hour day, most of the time."

"We have two men ashore here at the reels drying out nets and mending tears. Nets have to be cleaned out after every using because they pick up lot of seaweed and all sorts of flotsam and jetsam. We set eight boxes of gear. There are three nets in each box and we hitch them together, making a 900-foot stretch. Each net is 300 feet long and eight feet deep. There are wooden floats at the top and lead sinkers at the bottom."

Gear Is Expensive

"Each box of gear as it stands there on the boat ready to set costs about \$90. Floats cost us \$40 a thousand and we use 130 on a net. Also the same number of lead sinkers. Lead costs us 8 cents a pound and we mould it ourselves."

"Ordinarily we use a net with six-inch mesh, but now that the dogfish have come in we have shifted to eight-inch. Most of the fish we catch are gilled in the night. They steer clear in the day time. We can use a brand new net for about three months. Then we take it in and give it a thorough overhauling. No gill-net is good for more than two seasons. By that time it is all done."

"Twine costs us about \$2.40 a pound. For the top and bottom ropes, to which the net is fastened, we use maitre cord of cotton. We found this wore out before the net-twine itself so now we treat the rope with a solution of our own get-up which dyes it a light brown and prolongs its life a lot. This cotton cord costs us 50 cents a pound and we use 30 pounds of it in every box of gill-nets."

Portland Boy Catches

Lack of a near-by market has always handicapped Biddeford Pool somewhat as a fishing port. Portland is the nearest point where catches may be sold daily at a fair, current quotation. A few fish may be disposed of at Kennebunkport but generally prices there are considerably under the Portland prices. Biddeford and Saco are an outlet for a limited amount of fish but the bulk of the daily catch must go to Portland.

"The Pool is a hard place to get in to in thick weather," observed Captain Hatch. "Now, going in to Portland you have all kinds of sounds to guide you — the Cape Elizabeth Lightship, whistlers, bell buoys and unmistakable fog signals at Two Lights, Portland Head and Bug Light on the harbor breakwater. "Coming in to the mouth of the Saco however, the Wood Island bell is the only signal available, and there are a lot of times, particularly in winter,

when you can't hear that, until you are altogether too close. Oh, we don't have much trouble, but then you know we have been running in and out of Biddeford for 40 years. We've sort of got to know the way pretty well."

DECEMBER 27, 1938.

Pool Mourns Death of Old-Time Fisherman

(Contributed)

Captain Charles Hatch died two years ago; now his old partner Fred A. Waterhouse, who was living in Saco, has passed on. The Pool will miss them both for many



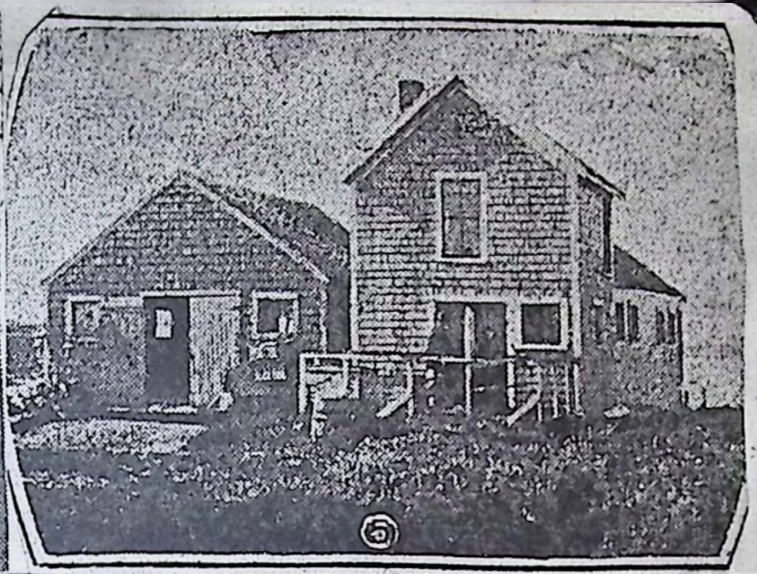
FRED A. WATERHOUSE.

years to come. Captain Waterhouse had not done any fishing for the past two or three years owing to ill health, but he always came down to the Pool from Saco whenever he got the chance.

Ever since he was a young man he with his partner had fished out of the Pool. They lived together in an upstairs apartment over a boathouse here for over 30 years. They had followed every branch of the fisheries in that length of time and had jointly owned a dozen boats from dories to a fine two-masted schooner. Neither man drank or used tobacco, which is rather unusual for a fisherman. They always paid their just bills promptly and altogether were fine upright citizens.



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No. 1—Captain Charles Hatch and Fred A. Waterhouse. 2—The Hatch and Waterhouse wharf with the Mariner, their old boat at the end. 3—Looking through the Gut into Biddeford Pool. 4—Their present new gill netting boat leaving the Pool. 5—House at the Pool where they have kept Bachelors Hall for 30 years. 6—Each box of gill nets is worth \$30.

THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 26, 1933.

SACO WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN IN FLORIDA

By a singular coincidence, Mrs. Maude B. Shannon, 59, of 485 Main street, widow of J. Harry Shannon, who died of injuries received when he fell from an attic window in his residence on upper Main street, in that city, in 1929, while adjusting an awning over the window, also came to a violent death yesterday afternoon at Winter Park, Florida, when struck and killed by an express train as she attempted to rescue her pet dog, which was on the track.

The first news of her tragic death was received in Saco late yesterday afternoon when Richard Shannon, her son, telephoned to Saco. He was so broken-up over the death of his mother that he was scarcely able to talk and few details of the fatality were obtained at that time.

This morning a message was received by Mrs. Chester A. Roberts of Elm street, Saco, containing the information that the funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 4.30 at Winter Park, where she was making her home for the winter. The body will be cremated. No one from Saco will be able to go to Florida at this time, although two sisters of Mrs. Shannon in Annapolis may do so.

According to the news dispatch received from Orlando, Mrs. Shannon was walking near the railroad track in Winter Park, some 15 miles from Orlando, and had just released the dog from the leash. Eye-witnesses of the accident told railroad officials that the animal, as soon as released, made a dash for the track in front of an approaching train. Mrs. Shannon, when she saw that her pet was in jeopardy, ran to the track directly in front of the fast-moving locomotive and was struck and instantly killed. The dog dropped nimbly to one side and escaped without a scratch. The train was stopped and later the body was moved to undertaking rooms at Winter Park. It was then that Richard telephoned the news to Saco.

It did not become generally

known, however, that Mrs. Shannon had been killed until today. Her many friends in the two cities were shocked at the news and deepest sympathy was expressed for the surviving members of the family. Mrs. Shannon was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Burnham of Saco, being born in that city 59 years ago. She was educated in the common schools and was graduated from Thornton academy. Later she attended a college in Illinois from which she was graduated. For a few years before her marriage to J. Harry Shannon she was a teacher in a kindergarten school in Springfield, Mass.

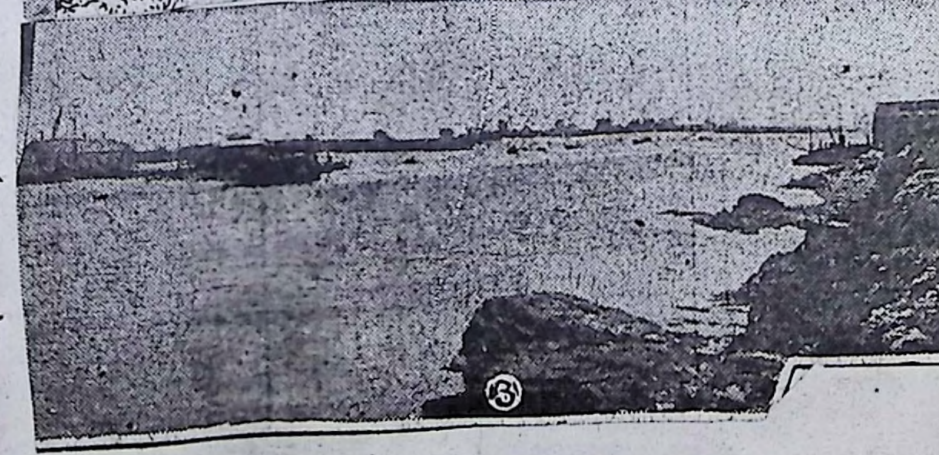
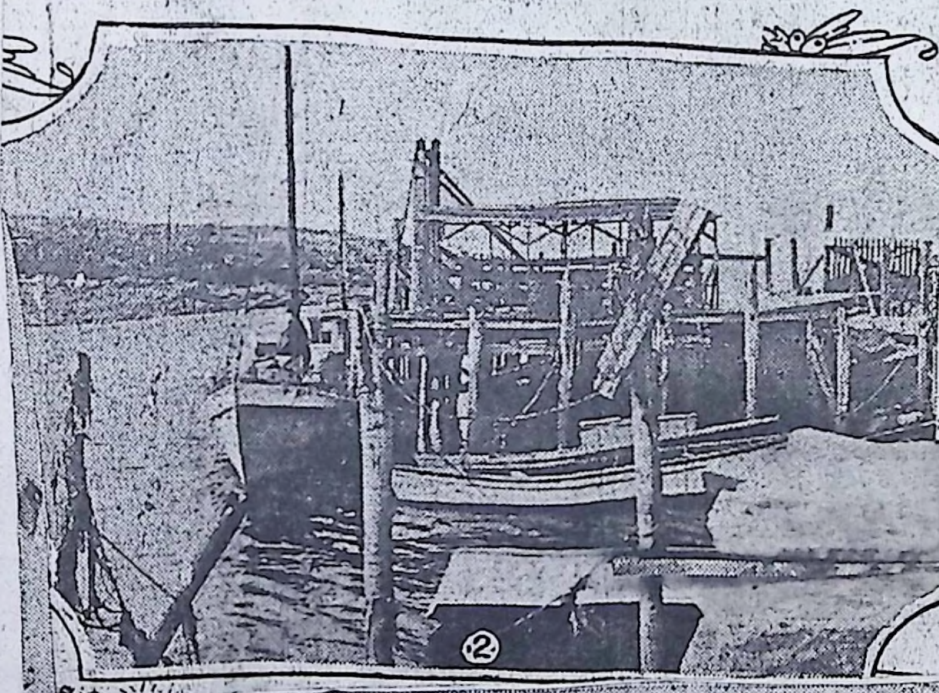
After her marriage she returned to Saco where she had since made her home. After her son, Richard, entered Rollins college at Winter Park, however, she went to that place to live during the winter months. She returned to Winter Park, last November, after passing the summer in Saco. Richard is studying to be a doctor, and it is expected that he will continue his studies, making his home with friends.

Mrs. Shannon had for years been an active member of several women's clubs in Saco and Biddeford and had a wide acquaintance in club circles in the two cities. She was a member of the Saco Educational and Industrial Union, the Saco and Biddeford Garden club, the Unitarian Alliance and Rebecca Emery chapter, D. A. R. She was also a member of the Saco Second Parish Unitarian church and had taken a prominent part in the activities of the parish and of the Alliance.

Mrs. Shannon is survived by a son, Richard; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Milliken and Mrs. Clifford Gray of Annapolis, and nephews and nieces.

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DR. H. W. HURD PASSES AWAY IN PORTLAND

**Local Physician Suffered
from Severe Liver
Trouble.**

**HIGHLY RESPECTED
BY ACQUAINTANCES**

**Graduate of Bowdoin
Medical School, 1899—
Had Large Practice.**

Dr. H. Willis Hurd died at St. Barnabas hospital in Portland Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock at the age of 56 years, the cause of his death being a very serious liver trouble which afforded little or no hope for his recovery from the time the exact nature of it was determined following an operation, which was performed by Dr. H. H. Brock of Portland, assisted by Dr. J. R. Laroche of this city, last Thursday. He entered the hospital on Saturday, July 7. For several days prior to his death his condition had been extremely critical and since Sunday his passing was regarded by attending physicians and others intimate with his case as a matter of hours only.

Dr. Hurd's illness had its inception more than a year ago, although it did not manifest itself as to serious effects until recently and he continued his practice up to a few days before he went to the hospital for observation and a possible operation, upon the advice of Dr. Emery, a Portland specialist.

The announcement of Dr. Hurd's death, while generally anticipated, occasioned a shock, not only among the medical profession, in which he stood very high, his patients, by whom he was regarded as much in the light of a friend as a physician, but by the public at large by whom he was known and greatly respected for his fine citizenship, his democratic ways, his largeness of heart and a disposition to be of assistance under all circumstances. There are few men in Biddeford better known and having a larger affectionate following than had Dr. Hurd, this being evidenced by the interest manifested in his case since he was removed to the Portland institution and the anxiety voiced as to his condition and the probability of his recovery. This anxiety found expression in daily inquiries made of those who were in position to give information. Throughout the city profound sorrow was felt and expressed when it became known that Dr. Hurd had passed on and on every side sorrowing tributes were paid to the memory of one of the city's foremost practitioners.

Dr. Hurd was born in Lyman, May 28, 1872, a son of Dr. Eben E. and Susan Lowe Hurd. His father practiced medicine for 52 years at Goodwins Mills, at the time of his death being one of the few old-fashioned country doctors in this section of Maine. He

was as any in southwestern Maine. The son inherited much of the father's natural ability as a physician, and during his practice, although thoroughly up to date and a close student of medicine and surgery and the advances made in the science, he often reverted to remedies that were in vogue years ago, using not a few in his cases that had contributed to his father's success in the treatment of his patients.

Mr. Hurd's boyhood was passed on the homestead farm in Lyman, in which town he attended the elementary schools. After that he entered Gorham high school as a student. Completing this branch of his education he entered upon the career of traveling salesman, being employed by George C. Frye of Portland, wholesale dealer in surgical supplies, and by Bush & Co. of Worcester, Mass., wholesale druggists. He also did laboratory work in the E. L. Patch laboratory in Stoneham, Mass. He then entered the Bowdoin medical school, from which he was graduated in 1899.

He first located in Goodwins Mills, where his father had practiced for so many years, but being ambitious to enter a larger field, he came to Biddeford 23 years ago and afterwards remained here. He first established an office in the Masonic building, but later purchased the Field residence at the corner of South and Jefferson streets, where he afterwards made his home and maintained his office. He rose rapidly in his profession, building up a practice from a small beginning to one of the largest and most lucrative in the two cities. He was widely known throughout York county and one of his chief characteristics was the charitableness he showed in his practice. There are innumerable instances that might be recalled in which he treated patients realizing that he was doing so without prospect of monetary reward. And it was one of his admirable characteristics that he never failed to respond to a call whether it came in the night or day, unless there was a reason that rendered it impossible for him to so respond. He was a member of the staff at the Webber hospital and took a deep interest in everything connected with the institution.

Dr. Hurd was a great lover of the out-of-doors and whenever it was possible for him to abandon his practice for a day or a few days he found recreation and rest in fishing in the brooks in this section or in the great woods in the eastern part of the state. He had a passion for this sport and was not only an expert with the rod, but a hunter of more than ordinary repute. His last hunting expedition was made last fall, but he was physically unable to do any hunting at that time and remained in camp while his companions pursued the game. In this connection it may be stated that he was one of the promoters and most ardent and interested members of the York County Fish and Game society. He was an authority on antiques and possessed one of the finest collections to be found in this part of the state. Dr. Hurd never lost his love for the farm, and considerable of his leisure time, when he could find any, was devoted to the cultivation of the land which he acquired on South street and which yielded abundant crops for home consumption. He belonged to various Masonic bodies, these being the only fraternal organizations with which he was affiliated. He was a member of Arion lodge, F. and A. M., of Goodwins Mills, York chapter, R. A. M., Maine council, R. S. M., Bradford commandery, K. T., and the Shrine. He was also a member

of the York County Medical society.

Dr. Hurd is survived by his wife, who was Maud Bishop of Fairfield, N. Y., their marriage taking place Oct. 29, 1903; two daughters, Miss Helen of this city and Mrs. Dorothy Kany, wife of Dr. Alfred Kany of New York. He also leaves one brother, Edwin C. Hurd of Saco; a sister, Mrs. Charles Ford, also of Saco, and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 34 South street.

LARGE NUMBER PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. H. W. HURD

**Representative Gathering at Funeral Services
Held at Late Home on
South Street.**

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home, 34 South street, for Dr. H. Willis Hurd, who died at St. Barnabas hospital, Portland, Tuesday night, following an operation. A tribute to the memory of the physician, which indicated the high esteem in which he was held was paid through the representative gathering in attendance at the service, the gathering, which crowded the home, including many friends from outside the city, representatives of the York county and Cumberland county medical societies and other intimate friends of the family.

The nurses of the two cities, including those from the two hospitals, attended the funeral in a body, paying a special tribute and indicating the esteem in which Dr. Hurd was held by them.

Hundreds of other friends, not being able to attend the funeral service in the home, called between 12 and 1 o'clock to pay their final respect, the home being crowded between these hours by friends of the late physician, viewing the body, which reposed in a beautiful half-couch mahogany casket, and expressing condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

In the number of floral tributes, too, was a silent tribute to the esteem in which the late physician was held, these tributes coming from local friends and those outside the city in large numbers, to make one of the most beautiful displays seen at a funeral in the city for some time. The flowers banked about the parlors where the body reposed, made a most impressive display, indicating the high place occupied by Dr. Hurd in the esteem of his vast circle of friends.

Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh, pastor of the Second Congregational church, officiated, conducting an impressive and touching service.

Bearers were intimate friends of the late physician, Dr. J. R. Laroche, Dr. Paul S. Hill, Dr. F. E. Small, James O. Smith, Clifford M. Cheney and Attorney Clarence B. Rumery.

Interment was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Ex-Mayor Thomas F. Locke of this city was born in Cork, Ireland, one of 11 children, being



THOMAS F. LOCKE.

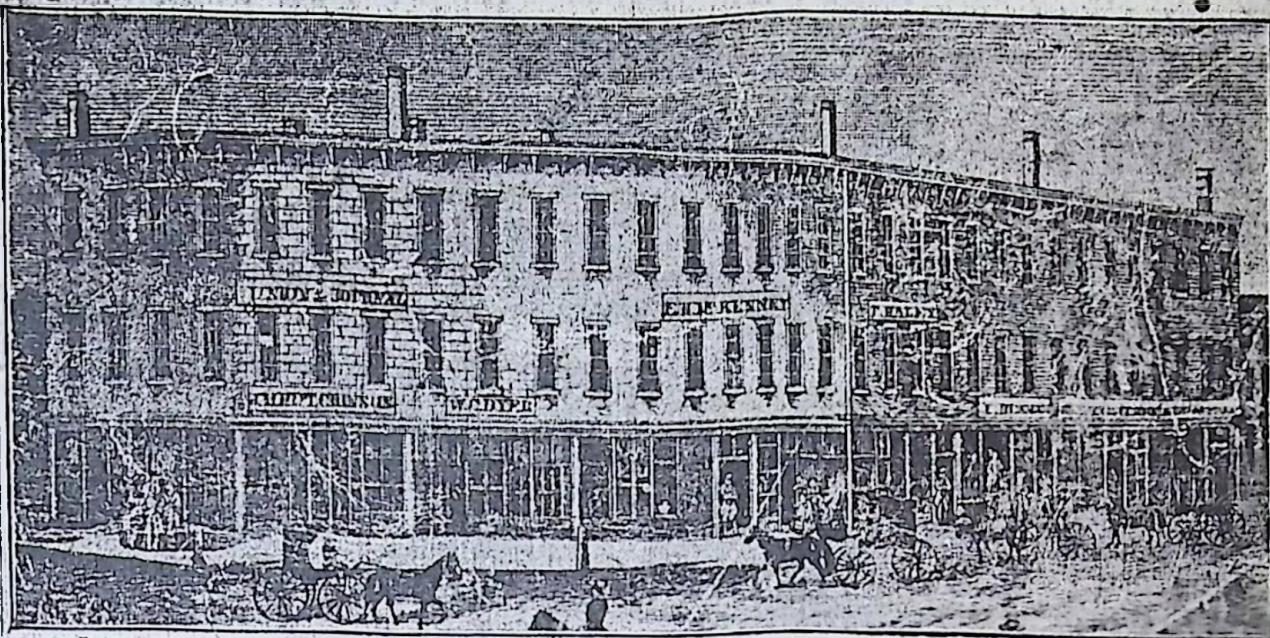
brought to this city when he was but eight months old. His education was received in the public schools of the city. He worked in the local cotton mills and machine shops and studied nights, having made up his mind to become a lawyer. In 1910 he was elected city clerk and served until 1918 when he went into the local postoffice, where he worked for two years. He read law in the office of Robert B. Seidel and Emery and Waterhouse and went to Boston university for one year. He was later admitted to the practice of law. Meanwhile he was elected mayor and served for one year, 1920.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the speaking bureau of the fourth degree of the assembly. He was for a long time president and one of most active workers of St. Mary's 101st Absolution society; also a member of St. Saco and Biddeford Kiwanis club and of the Biddeford Chamber of Commerce. In 1917 he married Miss Annie Dan they reside on Elm street.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

All you folks who remember the fire which destroyed Central block in this city on March 2, 1858, please stand up. This was one of the principal buildings on Biddeford's main street at that time. In this block was located the Union and Journal, published by L. O. Cowan. This was the third fire loss suffered by Mr. Cowan and he was about discouraged when the 1858 blaze did much damage to his newspaper plant. The fire was one of the biggest the city had suffered up to that time, according to men old enough to have some knowledge of the fire. In this block were Central hall and Beethoven hall, a photographer's studio, and stores on the first floor. Union block was ravished by flames in December, 1857, a Biddeford man says.

CENTRAL BLOCK



Destroyed by Fire March 2, 1858.

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These Men And Women Composed Office Force Of The Biddeford Daily Times Many Years Ago



Special Despatch to Sunday Telegram

Saco, June 25.—The York Institute has just added to its collection of pictures a group photograph, taken many years ago, of the 18 persons who comprised the office force of the Biddeford Daily Times. Biddeford at that time had two daily papers, each carrying a weekly edition, made up largely from the daily forms. Later a third daily, of aggressive political tendencies, was added. The only survivor of that trio is the Biddeford Daily Journal.

The Times, the oldest daily in the group, was established by Andrew J. Small of Saco and he was for years its editor and publisher. He also started an Old Orchard Beach summer daily, the Sea Shell, which was printed at the Times plant in Biddeford, was continued a dozen years or more. Its list of editors, generally changing each Summer, included such well known men as Judge Charles S. Hamilton, afterward mayor of Biddeford; Fred M. Fling of Portland, graduate of Bowdoin College and now head of the department of European history in the University of Nebraska; John E. Cummings of Saco, graduate of Colby College, now the Rev. John E. Cummings, D. D., Baptist mission-

ary in Burma; Clarence B. Burieligh and Lewis Burieligh of Augusta, sons of Governor and Congressman Burieligh; Charles S. Strout, then principal of a grammar school in Biddeford, since then a very prominent florist; John Clair Minot, now literary editor of the Boston Herald; William E. Raney, now a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

In the picture now on exhibition in the York Institute the standing column is flanked by Judge Raney on the left, and Dr. Fred M. Fling on the right. They were that Summer editing the Old Orchard Beach Sea Shell and taking turns at trolleying to the Times office, mornings to read the proofs and superintend the make-up of their news and society columns.

The other men in the picture and their occupations as members of the Daily Times staff at the time the picture was taken, were: (Left to right) Frederic Mason, Augusta, reporter, now Kennebec County correspondent of the Boston Globe; Walter E. Lane, Saco, job printer, who became a Unitarian minister; William S. Noyes, advertising solicitor; Charles Perkins, job printer; Frank L. Lane, reporter, afterward a publisher in Burlington, Vt.; Jere Quinn, assistant foreman; Clarence M. Watson, foreman, chief engineer of the Biddeford Fire De-

partment; A. L. T. Cummings, editor, now of Portland, secretary-manager of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Josephine Small of Saco, in the center of the group, was proprietor and business manager, the property having been left to her and her sister at the time of their brother's death. The other women in the group were compositors (type-setters) Miss Eliza H. Soule, afterward Mrs. John B. Murphy; Miss Alice I. Huff, afterward Mrs. Hanson of Newmarket, N. H.; Miss Josie L. Soule, afterward Mrs. Henry J. Church; Miss Alice M. Copeland; Miss Fannie M. Parsons, afterward Mrs. Gooch of Portland; Miss Isabel M. Cummings, afterward Mrs. S. Winfield Buker of Somerville, Mass.; Miss Lettie Charles, afterward Mrs. David Charles of Stowe, Me.

E. M. PIPER DIED TUESDAY

Operated Motor Launches on River Several Years

Captain Edwin M. Piper, for years a familiar figure on the Saco river, died Tuesday afternoon at his home, 16 Bartlett street, Saco, following a long illness. He had been restricted to his home for several years by illness.

He was born in Belfast, February 24, 1864, and came to Saco several years ago. For years Mr. Piper conducted a passenger boat service on the Saco river between Saco, Camp Ellis, Hills Beach and Biddeford Pool, operating the Nimrod and other boats. He figured prominently in activities among boat owners on the river and in the Saco Yacht club for years. Even after his illness he kept up his interest in river activities, his home on Bartlett street overlooking the river.

Mr. Piper was quite successful in his business on the river, his passenger boats being among the finest of their size built for such service and maintaining a regular schedule on the river over a period of several years.

All boat owners along the river knew Mr. Piper intimately, and he was a leader in boating activities and creating interest for the annual river events.

He was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity.

Much sympathy has been extended Captain Piper through the long illness that restricted him to his home for eight or nine years. He was a member of the Masonic bodies, including Bradford commandery, Knights Templar, of this city.

Captain Piper leaves a twin brother, Fred Sylvester Piper, of South Blue Hill.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

JULY 5, 1930.

W. S. FOWLER, CONTRACTOR HERE 53 YEARS, DEAD

Prominent in Local
Fraternal Orders
for Years.

William S. Fowler, one of the best-known contractors and carpenters in this section, died Friday at his home on Foss street, following a short ill-



WILLIAM S. FOWLER.

ness. He had been active as a carpenter and contractor here for over half a century.

Mr. Fowler was born in West Springfield, Mass., November 24, 1847, the son of Chauncey B. and Celia B. (Sibley) Fowler. He attended a business college in West Springfield and soon after learned the trade of carpentry. Coming here 53 years ago, when a young man, Mr. Fowler began work here as a carpenter and shortly after entered the contracting business. He was employed as agent and caretaker of the Garland and Sweetser estates, and for over 50 years had charge of Union block. He was in charge of the construction of several buildings in this vicinity.

On December 25, 1869, Mr. Fowler was married to Lizzie H. Plummer in this city. On September 14, 1894, he was married for the second time, his bride being Mary E. Cleaves.

He was active with fraternal orders in the city, having been a member of Dunlap lodge, Knight Templar, York council and Royal Arch chapter, Mavoshen lodge, K. of P., Laconia lodge, York encampment and Canton J. H. Dearborn. He held several offices in these orders and for several years took an active part in affairs of the lodges.

He was a Republican in politics and actively interested in the welfare of the party.

Mr. Fowler was a member of the Second Congregational church.

He is survived by three children, Sumner R. Fowler of Lewiston, Mrs. John Haines of Seabring, Fla., and Mary F. Fowler of Manchester N. H.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

JANUARY 24, 1939.

REV. E. STEARNS WAS A NATIVE OF THIS CITY

(Contributed)

Rev. Edward R. Stearns, D. D., who died at his home in Concord, New Hampshire, last Friday was born in Biddeford, November 10, 1867, the son of John Frye and Mary Emmons Stearns. When he was six years old, the family moved to Saco where they maintained their residence at 6 Beach street, now the home of the Women's Education and Industrial Union, for many years. Dr. Stearns' father was engaged in the furniture business for a long period, occupying a building on the site of the present Saco postoffice. The family were closely connected with the First Parish church where Mr. John Stearns served as deacon for many years and where Dr. Edward Stearns received his early religious training. After graduating from Saco high school, Dr. Stearns went to Bowdoin college with a group of other Saco boys including Lory Prentiss, William Gilpatrick, Fred Freeman, and Daniel Owen all in the Class of 1889. Dr. Stearns' connection with Bowdoin had always been close. In 1929 he received from that college the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. It was his great wish to be in Brunswick next June at the 50th anniversary of his Commencement. He was nearly always present on Alumni Day.

After receiving his training in theology at Andover seminary, he held pastorates at New Vineyard and at Warren, Maine. In 1902 he moved to Lancaster, New Hampshire, and the rest of his long ministry took place in that state. From his 10-year pastorate in Lancaster, where he rebuilt the Congregational church after it was destroyed by fire in 1910, he went to Concord to become Field Secretary of the New Hampshire Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund. The next 20 years saw him engaged as an active, aggressive leader among the Congregational churches of the State. Becoming Secretary of the New Hampshire Home Missionary society in 1915, he expanded the organization greatly, uniting all branches of Congregational State work into the New Hampshire Congregational-Christian Conference, and adding Departments of Women's and of Young People's Work. Dr. Stearns retired from active service in 1932, and since then had spent many months away from New England travelling widely with his family in this country and abroad. However he never lost interest in and touch with New Hampshire and Maine, his two favorite States. For many years he had maintained a summer home in Saco at Bay View—a much loved spot where he had always spent some weeks of every summer for 40 years.

Funeral services were held at his home in Concord, Sunday afternoon. The burial was Monday here in town in Laurel Hill cemetery. His son, Rev. John Frye Stearns of Auburn, Maine, read the committal service.

Dr. Stearns is survived by his widow, the former Frances A. Stearns of New Vineyard, Maine;

two daughters, Mary and Elisabeth of Concord; a son, Rev. John F. Stearns of Auburn; and a sister, Mrs. Lory Prentiss (Lucie Stearns) of Modesto, California.



Miss
Harriet
Anita
Baker
of
Saco

JUNE 28, 1930.

ANNIE G. OWEN DEAD IN SACO

Hundreds of friends learned with deepest sorrow of the death of Mrs. Annie G. Owen, widow of the late ex-Mayor George F. Owen, at her home, 64 Middle street, in Saco, last night just before midnight.

She was stricken a week ago, since which time her condition had been grave with little hope of her recovery.

Mrs. Owen, whose maiden name was Annie G. Littlefield, was born in Wells in 1847, the daughter of Elijah and Mary Bragdon Littlefield. When she was quite young her parents moved to Biddeford, where she was reared and educated. Following her graduation from Biddeford high school in the class of 1864, she served for a short time as a teacher in the Biddeford public schools. She was married to George F. Owen in 1867, and thereafter her home was in Saco, where she lived in the same house on Middle street for more than 60 years.

Her vivacious temperament won her a host of friends and for many years she was a figure in the social life of the two cities. In recent years, however, she had led a quiet and retired life, spending most of her winters in Philadelphia with her son, returning to Saco summers to renew the old associations in which she took delight.

She is survived by one son, Daniel E. Owen. The funeral will be held at the home, 64 Middle street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

JULY 15, 1930.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Elm street is not such a thoroughfare as many local residents appear to believe. The old Post road used to come down South street and Chestnut street, through what is now City square, to lower Main (then called Liberty street, before the upper, or one-time Chestnut street, section was built), thence to Wharf wharf, and from there by a bridge to the Saco shore. The Whites wharf bridge preceded the present lower bridge, and was the bridge that Lafayette crossed on his visit to the two cities in 1825. The first bridge where the present lower bridge is was for many years a covered bridge.

It is related that Mary Cook Hooper, who became known as "Aunt Polly," used to tell that her father was the road commissioner who laid out Elm street from Kings corner to Springs bridge, and that while building the street he promised his daughter Mary that she should be the first woman to walk over the new street when it was finished. When the work was completed he had the street carefully guarded and Mary walked the whole length from Kings corner to Springs bridge, and thus gained the distinction of being the first woman to walk over Elm street in Biddeford.

JUNE 19, 1930.

IRVING W. MASON, G. A. R. VETERAN, TAKEN BY DEATH

Commander of Grant
Active Figure in
G. A. R. Circles.

Irving W. Mason, commander of U. S. Grant post, G. A. R., one of the best known and most active of the Grand Army veterans, died Wednesday night at his home on Graham street, following a brief illness. He had been a resident of the city about 50 years. He was 87 years old last April.

Mr. Mason was born in Portsmouth, N. H., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Mason. According to the records of the Grant post, he was born April 26, 1843; enlisted in May, 1861, in Co. B., 3rd regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry; reenlisted in 1864 in Co. C., Massachusetts Infantry, and later enlisted with the 15th Massachusetts Light Artillery; he was discharged in 1865.

For years he had been one of the most active figures in G. A. R. circles in the city, always interested in everything undertaken by the posts here and in G. A. R. circles in Maine. For years he was one of the most active members of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Universalist church and parish activities.

With the 3rd Vermont he took part in the "Seven Days" battles on the Peninsula, and was close to William Scott in a charge at Yorktown when the boy whom Abraham Lincoln had saved from execution fell, pierced by six bullets. Of all the battles in which he took part Comrade Mason regarded Antietam as the hardest one-day fight. He remembered a tree fully a foot in diameter which stood midway between Union and Confederate lines and was so mangled, my minie bullets that the wind broke it off a yard or more from the ground. On the field of Antietam he picked up two bullets which had met in flight. The impact had welded them together as solidly as though they were one. The latter part of his service was in the far South and his last battle was at Fort Blakely, Alabama.

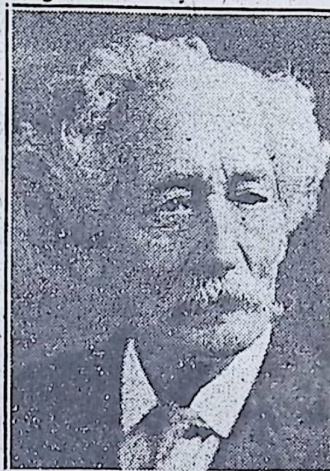
Like that of the "Iron Brigade" the history of the "Vermont Brigade" is known to every survivor of the army of the Potomac, and Mr. Mason's experience was a part of the record of this famous fighting brigade. Although he was in some of the fiercest battles of the war he was one of the few who escaped wounds. His clothes were pierced by bullets, one at Antietam plowing across his breast from shoulder to shoulder and another, at Seven Pines, striking blanket-roll over his heart and staggering him by its impact.

On the rare occasions when he talked of the war he liked to recall happier incidents of the great struggle. Like every veteran he had profound respect for the splendid fighting qualities displayed by Americans who happened to be born south of Mason and Dixon's line. They were, he said, not only good soldiers, but pretty good fellows. Many a time when on picket duty, especially on the Rappahannock, "Blue and Gray met" between the lines, trade for coffee and tobacco and gossip in friendly fashion.

"If you uns won't shoot we uns won't," was the usual hail from Georgia, and Vermont would sling out: "All right, Johnny! Got any tobacco to trade?" "When you uns comin' over?" was frequently the jeering inquiry that Gray pickets shouted across the river after Fredericksburg, and to the "Yank's" response, lurid or otherwise, would come the assurance: "We'll be waitin' for you with 40 rounds when you do!"

After the war Comrade Mason located in Lowell, where he was commissioned a lieutenant in the sixth Massachusetts. He was married in Lowell.

For 50 years Biddeford has been



IRVING W. MASON.

their home and for 38 years Mr. Mason was connected with the machine shop of one of the Peperrell.

For 15 years he was a member of the fire department, part of the time as foreman of Richard Vines engine.

Mr. Mason has long been a loyal member of the Universalist parish, where Mrs. Mason also labored with increasing devotion for welfare of the church, being especially active in the social life connected with its advancement. Mr. Mason was a member of the Odd Fellows and Commander of U. S. Grant Post No. 142, Grand Army of the Republic.

He has held every office which his comrades could persuade him to accept and he holds—as he always has and always will—the sincerest good wishes and respect of every one who knew him.

Quiet, unassuming and generous, with never a word to say but good of any one, Mr. Mason was esteemed by many friends.

He was an ideal friend and neighbor and American citizen and those who know him best were his friends. He is survived by his wife.

Commander Alphonse Libby of Sheridan post ordered flags placed at half-staff today in memory of Commander Mason and Chief Ricker had the flag at the fire station put at half-staff.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the residence on Graham street.

NG, MAY 1, 1930.

NATIONAL BANK ON SITE OF OLD SACO FORT

A Saco man, who has kept tabs on the history of Saco for many years, recalls that when the excavating was done for the block of the York Na-

tional bank at the corner of Main and Water streets, in that city, they found a wall of broken stone, said to be part of an old Indian fort, situated at the time it was built on the banks of the Saco river. The river at that time extended across what is now Water street and a towpath ran from in front of the old fortification to the river. Some of the soil excavated for the foundation of the bank and active in the White church building, he says, was virgin soil. It is believed by this man that several battles with the Redskins, who is swarmed this section of Maine early in 1700, had been fought by the whites who were sheltered in the

APRIL 15, 1940.

Mott Willett Died Suddenly

Mott A. Willett, life-long resident of Saco, died suddenly Sunday morning at his home, 179 Lincoln street, Saco. His age was 52 years.

He was born in Saco, son of George and Ruth Bean Willett. He attended the Saco schools and was graduated from the Saco Commercial school. He was employed for several years in the York mills, and later for several years as a salesman at the Fred Rowe clothing store in Masonic building, Saco. For the past few years he represented a custom tailoring concern.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., Royal Arch chapter, Annette chapter, O. E. S., and other Masonic bodies, and of the Saco United Baptist church.

He leaves a widow, who was Beryl L. Bullock of Saco, and a son, Wendell B. Willett of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

MAY 18, 1940.

Former Local Woman Dead

Mrs. Isabel T. Deering, 68, widow of Edward M. Deering, for many years supervisor of penmanship and drawing in the local



MRS. MABEL T. DEERING.

schools, died yesterday in Goffstown, N. H. She had been under treatment in a hospital there.

The body will be brought to Saco for funeral services Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Deering and Craig funeral home, 35 Main street, Saco.

JANUARY 25, 1932.



ALVAN G. GOVE.

THE IN

DEPENDENT, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, TUESDAY.

JANUARY 30, 1940.

FRANK BELTON EDWARDS

Funeral services for Frank Belton Edwards, 80, who died yesterday in a local hospital after coming here two months ago from Trenton, N. J., to spend the winter, will be conducted at the Baynard chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. George M. Martin will officiate. Burial will take place later. Mr. Edwards was a machinist for 40 years with the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a member of the Lutheran church of Trenton; the Senior Mechanic Veterans of the Pennsylvania railroad; the Trenton Y. M. C. A.; the St. Petersburg Shuffleboard club; International Railway Men's association, and the Michigan Tourist society. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Mary Pittenger, Trenton, and five sons, Howard and Edward, Trenton; Walter, Pleasantville, N. J.; J. Frank, Chicago, Ill., and Enoch Edwards, this city.

Recalls Early Memories.

To the Editor of the Journal;
Mary Gilpatrick Lowell's walk through Memory Lane, as described in the Biddeford Journal, was choice reading. I have been away from Saco almost 40 years; but my boyhood and young manhood there left memories that were deeply stirred by the response in my good friend and long-time neighbor made to the toast "A Walk" at the Tercentenary Dinner.

Mary Gilpatrick took to the sidewalks, it seems. But Saco's sidewalks didn't mean a thing to me (except as I cleared the snow from in front of ours, which was at the junction of Elm and Main streets)—until, as a reporter for the Biddeford Times, (and prodded by that aggressive Factory Island clothier C. H. Webber, whose residence was on Main street, near North,) I conducted a successful campaign for a brick sidewalk on the north side of Main between North street and Cutts avenue. As I recall it, these bricks were made at Obadiah Durgin's brickyard, which was located in a section just south of the Gilpatrick pasture.

My first real job was carrier boy for the Biddeford Times. Andrew Small, who lived in Saco—on Middle street, back of the Orthodox church (we then called it)—was the carrier-editor. Charles H. Prescott conducted a weekly in Biddeford—your Journal. I had the Times Saco south route; Abe Cummings the north. Abe was my senior in our careers on the Times; when I covered Saco he had Biddeford and the city editorship.

While I was a carrier there was a strike among the operatives of the Pepperell mills. The Times, for some reason unknown to me, did not treat this strike as news; and the Weekly Journal put out an extra—which has appeared regularly from then on.

After Andrew Small's death the Times was carried on by his sister, Josephine. With the Journal as a daily in the field, the Times, to outward appearances, improved. Mr. Prescott was an astute business man, and with Mrs. Prescott, who was a good running-mate, he soon gained, and without unfair practices, the prestige which the Journal has since enjoyed. During my early days as reporter for the Times, John W. Robinson covered Biddeford for the Journal, with Toy Sands in Saco—a great team. Toy Sands was one of Sam Lord's boys. Sam had a drug store on Factory Island. There were two long benches in the back room of the store, and in this room congregated the real athletes and the honest-to-goodness baseball fans of Saco. One had to be more than just a good fellow to be one of Sam Lord's boys.

Toy came out of the York mills, and although he was one of Saco's baseball highlights it was a big surprise when he quickly made a place for himself as a reporter. He and Robinson gave Abe and me some run—no foolin'.

Summers, the Times published the Old Orchard Sea Shell and one year the Sea Shell staff was Fred Flint of Augusta and W. E. Raney of Toronto—both college men. Young Raney did some really brilliant work on the Sea

Shell that summer and in the fall he was made editor of the Times.

I don't know what Biddeford's political complexion is now, but the city then had a Democratic Tammany Hall. The Times, as was the Journal, was Republican, and that winter, and several following years, Editor Raney conducted a spectacular campaign in an attempt to break up this ring. I say "ring," but doubtless there was nothing corrupt about Biddeford's rule. All of us took politics pretty seriously in the early 90's.

Well, late one afternoon, who should appear in the Times business office but Hampden Fairfield of Saco, representing a group of Biddeford Democrats, with a proposal to purchase the paper. As I recall it, this was received as somewhat an affront. It would be like the sale of one's loyalty. Doubtless the sum offered exceeded the property's worth—and this but made it the more preposterous. We were given to understand that the Democrats were to have an organ in Biddeford, and that if it wasn't the Times there would be a new newspaper.

So came the Record, with the Journal's Robinson and Sands as its heads. The following year I left for Tonawanda, N. Y., Nellie Fairfield having brought home from boarding-school an attractive girl to spend the Easter vacation; and I feeling that I must go "West" to establish myself in business.

Mr. Raney, to the consternation of a number of Saco's eligible daughters, took unto himself as wife a most attractive Toronto young woman. They remained long enough to boast of a son as born in Saco, and returned to Toronto. Mr. Raney had graduated from the University of Toronto, and also had completed a course in law. Upon his return there he took up the practice of law, and became an outstanding figure in the dominion. While attorney general (if that be the official title to the office) of the Province of Ontario Mr. Raney became such a conspicuous figure as an advocate of prohibition that he was called to Washington to testify before a senate committee, and the New York Times devoted nearly a full page to his testimony. About four years ago he was appointed a justice of the supreme court of Ontario. I was a guest at his beautiful Toronto home three years ago. Maturity had added to the charm

of Mrs. Raney. That native of Saco is a handsome chap; a lawyer; married; lives in an attractive suburban home where, after the visit with his parents, I was his over-night guest.

The Times was sold to a young man—a relative of Captain Hartley, I believe. He had some money; but he couldn't have paid in full, for afterwards Miss Small repossessed the property; and the paper died on her hands. The Journal had become a too formidable competitor; and the Record, though never a potent influence, was then sufficiently active to soothe the faction that desired a competitor for the Journal.

William Noyes, before the days of the Daily Journal, owned a weekly in Saco. Quite a good plant, in those days. In the Sweetser shoe factory building (later occupied by the York Institute). Noyes, by the way, lived on Main street, opposite the Woodman place—Woodman, who owned the gas works in Biddeford, and established a water system in

Saco, just ahead of the water company that dominated the water supply of the two cities. After reversing Noyes worked for the Biddeford Times—advertising and subscriptions. His son, Walter, after high school, became a reporter for the Journal.

Others who did good work on the Times were Dan Owen, my brother, Walter, and Ben Cleaves. I believe Ben later went over to the Journal.

Dan and I were friends from short pants up. We attended the Unitarian church under Dr. Nichols. Mrs. B. F. Hamilton was our Sunday school teacher. Later I covered important events of her promotion, particularly on woman suffrage, sometimes held in the Unitarian vestry, sometimes in her big double parlors. Too, Mrs. Hamilton sponsored the first kindergarten in Saco—probably the first in Maine. My sister, Gertrude, was in the initial class.

As reporter for the Times, I covered the dedication of Thornton academy. An impressive occasion; and, to me, doubly important in that my class in high under Mr. Sampson, which I had deserted three years before, was entering.

Were it not for fear of that blue pencil of yours I'd go on with some stories about the steamer Augusta that plied between Saco and the Pool; of the big Eastern depot on North street, and the branch that the Eastern built to Old Orchard in its boom days; of my dad's 20 years as organist at the Unitarian church; and of the interest caused by an early press notice that "Lane and Shannon" (the outstanding figures in the instrumental music group of York county) were to sing a duet at a forthcoming city hall concert, and which was rendered by two toddlers, Gertrude Lane and Charlie Shannon. And I'd tell of some of the men who occupied visitors' stools at William P. Moody's hardware shop, and of those at Bradford's cigar shop. And, too, Mary Gilpatrick (I can't think of her as "Lowell," even though her husband did have the best store in Pepperell square, and was a Saco mayor) would say of me, too, "Well, damn a man with such a memory."

Frank L. Lane.
Los Angeles, California.
July 10, 1931.

JUNE 12, 1931.

RICHARD GRANT, G. A. R. VETERAN, DIES SUDDENLY

For Many Years a Deputy Sheriff of County.

Richard L. K. Grant, G. A. R. veteran, and a lifelong resident of Saco, well known through York county through his services for several terms as a deputy sheriff and as city marshal of Saco, died suddenly at his home in North Saco, Thursday night. His age was 87 years, five months and 14 days.

Mr. Grant was a farmer by occupation. He was born in Saco, the son of Benjamin and Elvira Foss Grant, and resided in the home



RICHARD L. K. GRANT.

where he died for over 50 years.

He enlisted in the Fifth battery of the First Maine regiment during the Civil war and had a service record of distinction, returning to Saco after his discharge.

For years Mr. Grant was active in politics and was a familiar figure through the county. Serving as a deputy, first under Sheriff Thomas Tarbox and later under Samuel Hamilton and George Getchell. He served as city marshal under the administration of Oliver Clark. During his activities in these offices he made many friends in the county. He was a man of genial disposition, made friends easily and was held in high esteem by a host of friends.

News of the death of Mr. Grant came as a shock to many friends, as his health has been quite good. Although he had not engaged in active work for several years, he was able to be about the farm and took a keen interest in the work and in the activities of the G. A. R. posts.

He was affiliated with the G. A. R. posts for years and participated in their exercises and meetings regularly.

Mr. Grant attended the North Saco church.

He is survived by three sons, William B., Richard C. and Albert P., all of Saco; two daughters, Mrs. Louise E. Hanson of Saco and Mrs. Bessie Lang of Hollis; one sister, Mrs. Albert Purington of White Rock, 5 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at his home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, standard time.

JANUARY 26, 1939.

TOMATOES IN CLAM CHOWDER? HORRORS! NO!

Housewives, and others, who add tomatoes to Maine clam chowder will be liable to the penalty of "digging a barrel of clams at high tide" if a bill introduced to the Maine legislature today by Rep. Cleveland Sleeper, Jr., of Rockland, becomes a law.

Sleeper's bill entitled, "A bill To Prohibit the Use of Tomatoes as an Ingredient in the Preparation of Maine Clam Chowder," was prompted, he said, by "the infiltration of foreign ideas of cookery" that threaten to "throw Maine clam chowder from its culinary pinnacle and to doom it to mediocrity."

"Tomatoes and clams have no affinity either of mind or body. Their union in a chowder is an unholy one and leads only to the moral degradation of the principals," Sleeper said in the preamble to his bill.

He said it was an "indisputable fact" that the aroma of the real, tomato-less Maine clam chowder under preparation "pervades the atmosphere of the entire country" (and) . . . "unable to withstand the lure of this pleasing aroma" hundreds of thousands of persons hasten to its source here in Maine.

"Real Maine chowder is responsible for a major portion of the \$100,000,000 that tourists spend in this state each year," Sleeper said.

He told reporters that unless Maine clam chowder "preserves, its identity" as a typical Maine dish that many vacationers "will no longer have an overpowering reason for coming here." He said he believed that "modern recipes" calling for the addition of tomatoes to clam chowder was "the work of Reds" who seek to undermine "our most hallowed traditions."

The text of Sleeper's bill follows:

A bill to prohibit the use of tomatoes as an ingredient in the preparation of Maine clam chowder.

Whereas, Maine has many dishes of which it is justly proud. One of these is Maine clam chowder, a delicious concoction that is pleasing to the taste, that rests easily on the human stomach and that does not require the taking of tomato juice as a palliative on the morning after.

It is an indisputable fact that the aroma of Maine clam chowder under preparation in Maine pervades the atmosphere of the entire country with a scent more desirable than that of frankincense and myrrh.

Unable to withstand the lure of this pleasing aroma, hundreds of thousands of persons hasten to its source here in Maine. For this reason, Maine clam chowder is responsible for a major portion of the \$100,000,000 that tourists spend in this state each year.

Of late, however, the infiltration of foreign ideas have threatened to throw Maine clam chowder from its culinary pinnacle and to doom it to mediocrity.

The latest of these ideas promulgated by so-called cooking experts decrees that tomatoes shall

be added to clam chowder.

Tomatoes and clams have no affinity either of mind or body. Their union in a chowder is an unholy one and leads only to moral degradation of the principals.

The addition of tomatoes to Maine clam chowder is an abomination to the taste and to the intelligence. It is an ungodly attempt to gild the lily of the field and savor of the jitterbug influence. The adding of a scarlet color to the unblemished whiteness of Maine clam chowder is an imputation on its purity.

Even Maine lobsters object to the adding of this red coloring matter claiming that it poaches on their preserves and that it may mislead those who have enjoyed a real lobster stew. They claim they have a priority on said color and the claws of every Maine lobster are raised in protest.

To preserve the identity and traditions of Maine clam chowder for ourselves, our children and our visitors, this bill would prohibit the practice of adding tomatoes to Maine clam chowder.

Whoever violates this law would be compelled to dig a barrel of clams at high tide or to eat tomato clam chowder three times per day for a period not to exceed five years.

Now therefore,

Section 1—Clam chowder preserved.

No person, firm or corporation shall disturb the integrity of the luscious clam chowder of the State of Maine by the mixing therewith the juice of the tomato, the skin of the tomato, or the tomato as a whole.

Cleveland Sleeper, Jr. (R).
Rockland.

JUNE 16, 1930.

MRS. GILPATRIC TAKEN BY DEATH SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Cynthia Ross Gilpatric, a life-long resident of the city, prominent in a social way and among the women's fraternal orders, died Sunday night, following a brief illness. She was taken to the hospital and submitted to an operation for appendicitis Friday, from which she did not rally. Her death came as a severe shock to members of the family and a host of friends in this city and vicinity. Her age was 43 years, seven months and five days.

Mrs. Gilpatric was born in this city, the daughter of William L. and Mary Haley Ross. She was educated in the local schools and was graduated from the high school.

Mrs. Gilpatric was a charter member of the Delta Alpha club, a past matron of Adah chapter, Eastern Star, a member of the Past Matron's association, and a member of the Jefferson Street Baptist church. In all of these circles she has taken a prominent and active part for several years. A young woman of particularly pleasing personality, she had hosts of friends and was held in exceptionally high esteem. Her many admirable qualities made her a favorite in the several circles in which she was active, and few recent deaths have brought more profound sorrow.

She is survived by her mother, her husband and one son, Charles F., Jr., two brothers, William E. and Edgar H., both of this city.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

DECEMBER 9, 1939.

MRS. ETHEL HILL DIED IN SACO

Mrs. Ethel Heard Hill, widow of John F. Hill, formerly of Old Orchard Beach, a native of this city, died late Friday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur E. Baker, Portland road, Saco.

She was born in this city Sept. 15, 1882, daughter of Carlos and Harriet (Lunt) Heard.

She attended the public schools in this city and was graduated from the high school here in the class of 1901, and later from Gorham Normal school, serving as a teacher here after her graduation.

Mrs. Hill was known to a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity. She was much interested in charitable works and a generous contributor in work and funds. A woman of engaging personality, she was held in high esteem in the circles in which she had been active. She was a member of the First Parish church, Saco.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. A. E. Baker, a nephew, Carlos H. Baker of Princeton, N. J., and a niece, Mrs. Philip Schlossberg, Portland.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Baker, Portland road, Saco, and will be private. Friends may call between 12 and 1 o'clock.

FROSTPROOF, FLORIDA,

APRIL 19, 1940

Mrs. Hope Littlefield has as her guests for a few days this week, A. W. Andrews and Mrs. Fred M. Stacy of Saco, Maine. They stopped over here on their way home after spending the winter in St. Petersburg.

FROSTPROOF, FLORIDA,

THE HIGHLAND NEWS,

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940

A. W. Andrews and Mrs. Fred M. Stacy of Saco, Maine came Saturday, April 13 for a few days visit with Mrs. Hope H. Littlefield on sixth St. They left for their home Monday, April 23. While here Mr. Andrews was surprised by Mrs. Stacy and Mrs. Littlefield with a nice birthday party in his honor.

Mrs. Hope Littlefield, A. W. Andrews and Mrs. Fred M. Stacy were dinner guests at the J. J. J. Hotel in Avon Park, Sunday night.

JANUARY 28, 1939.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



MRS. R. PIERPONT JORDAN.
Chairman of Free Bed Committee of the Webber Hospital.
Who Has Done Excellent Work.

Present Portland-Saco Highway Far Different From Original One

Old King's Highway Passed Through Stroudwater To Dunstan, Then Skirted Shore Line To Saco—Few Bridges—Some Ferries

"How times change," is a frequent phrase that has almost lost its significance. The real force of it is not felt until one begins to compare the past and present. A subject that proved a most interesting one and one with which almost everyone is familiar is the road from Portland to Saco.

Thousands ride over its now quite smooth surface every day, yet probably none of them ever stopped to think about the road even 100 years ago. "Why," they would say, "hasn't it always gone just as it does now? Oh, of course, they have straightened out a few curves and cut off a few hills but outside of that, was it any different?" Indeed, yes, very different.

To go farther back at the beginning naturally there were no roads at all. The Atlantic Ocean was the direct route from Portland to Saco. It was quite necessary that the inhabitants have the water for their front door. Also there is to be remembered the fact that the ships were by no means so seaworthy as the ones to which we are accustomed and so the voyage was no such delight as we regard it. It was instead a hardship and one that often proved so great a one that lives were lost in the attempt, their ships were so frail and the ocean so mighty.

To avoid this they began to go on horseback, following somewhat the Indian trails and making what few they had to for convenience's sake. But this was only the lesser of two evils. In the Spring of the year it was so muddy that it was almost impossible and in Winter the deep snows presented as equally as baffling a problem. At best it was a long, hard trip and so as an outcome roads were built.

At first they were no improvement as anyone can tell who has made a street through the wilderness. However poor and rutty, to say nothing of roots and stones, as it was a route was established.

To leave Portland it was necessary to go over water and naturally they chose the way where they could build the shortest bridge. By Stroudwater they found the span need be only a small one. For a while there was not even a bridge built here; they forded across. In 1739 the ambitious settlers constructed one which proved a great aid.

The first Vaughan Bridge was not built until years after this. It was not until around 1800 that a long, rambling, low bridge covered the waters at this point.

The road proceeded from Stroudwater across country until it came out somewhere near the present Dunstan. Then it dipped down toward Prout's Neck to Black Point, Augustus Moulton writes, "There was a road over Black Point Plains to the Ferry but its location is now lost, and there was a Providence road, so called, at an early date, together with a bridge across the almost unfordable Nonesuch. These were mere tracks."

At Black Point a ferry was used to get travelers over to Pine Point. A ferry is quite a high sounding word but the boat was no more than a flat scow, at first not even substantial enough to carry a horse. By using the ferry they escaped building another bridge or bridges as at this junction four rivers, combined forces and joined the ocean together.

This difficulty removed, the road continued along the coast like the "shore road" today. The way to Old

Orchard from Pine Point was comparatively easy and at Saco there was another ferry awaiting their convenience.

This route outlined sometimes bore the title of "King's Highway." All along the way were established inns which in their time were famous. At Stroudwater was Broads Tavern and at Black Point the Black Point Inn. It used to be quite the custom for residents of Portland to make up parties and go out there for what they considered a long trip. A dinner of no mean proportions would be served and accommodations be provided for staying over night.

To us looking back the stage coach looks quite like a romantic means of traveling but those who had to do it saw only a back aching, fatiguing proportion. It was not until the appearance of the motor car that the road acquired its present "state of health."

Who would have guessed that already part of the first route from Portland to Saco should have been lost in the annals of history, so short a time as it has been?

JULY 16, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

The Christmas balls given by the York County Wheelmen are remembered by the wheelmen of this section. They were attended by the society people of the two cities and by wheelmen from Boston, Malden, Lewiston and other cities. Dancing usually began at 8.30 with 200 couples on the floor. At one of the dances Geo. B. Cutter was floor director and the aids were N. D. Colcord, Thomas Paraday, A. J. Fenderson, F. H. Small, A. S. Bradford, Will H. Bryant, Will C. Perry and H. C. Quinby.

The ball committee was Geo. B. Cutter, A. W. Andrews, A. S. Bradford, N. D. Colcord and Thomas Paraday.

Among the twin city people present were Mayor and Mrs. Frank Foss, Dr. C. L. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Garland, Col. and Mrs. L. H. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Owen, Dr. Fred P. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Quinby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Deering, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moses, Judge E. J. Cram, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Lowell, Frank Winch, Miss Almira D. Leach, Miss Josephine Mack, Mrs. C. L. Batchelder and Mrs. James O. 104

JORDAN FARM SOLD TO REV. A. M. DECARY



The Jordan farm, so-called, one of the show places for years along the Pool road, situated at the junction of the Pool and the Hills Beach roads, has been sold to Rev. Arthur M. Decary for St. Andres parish, it was announced today. The purchase was made from Nancy M. Finney of the Pool road, the sale being made through Joseph U. Parc, local real estate agent, who acted for Pennell Brothers of Portland, agents.

St. Andres parish is to take possession on June 23. It was said today by representatives of the purchaser that just what use the property will be put to by the parish has not been definitely decided. It has been said, however, that an orphanage under the parish auspices may be located there. There are many children being cared for by the parish at the present time, and it was said to be quite likely

that the property would be put to this use.

The property was originally the property of the Jordans and for years has been known as Jordan farm. Later, it was acquired by Mrs. Estelle Tatterson and then sold to Mrs. Nancy Finney.

Several pieces of furniture and other private effects were reserved in the sale, but practically all furniture and furnishings were sold with the house.

The property consists of a large house, one of the largest along the Pool road, outbuildings and many acres of land running from the Pool road towards Hills Beach and the Saco river. The price paid for the property was not made public. Attorney John Snow represented the owners of the property and Judge Joseph R. Parsons, St. Andres parish in the transaction.

AUGUST 31, 1940

J. B. Campbell Died Today

Was a Former
St. Commissioner

J. Byron Campbell, for years a well known resident of this city, died early this morning in Kennebunkport, where he had been making his home for the past six years.

Mr. Campbell was born in this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell. He served as street commissioner here several years ago, and for several years was one of the Republican leaders in local county and state politics.

He was active in many ways among a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity.

He leaves several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

NOVEMBER 16, 1940.

J. M. Tatterson Died in Portland

John Morris Tatterson, resident of this city, but a denizen of Portland for the years, died suddenly Friday evening at his home, 197 Pine Portland. His age was 54 10 months and 14 days.

He was born in this city, Harry J. and Estelle Tatterson, and was educated in the Portland schools. He had been connected with the insurance business in Portland. Mr. Tatterson was known and held in esteem by many friends and in Portland and vicinity.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. G. Tatterson, a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth W. Smith of Scarborough Falls, Mass., and two granddaughters and a sister, Mrs. Arthur of Beaver Falls, Pa.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and will be private.

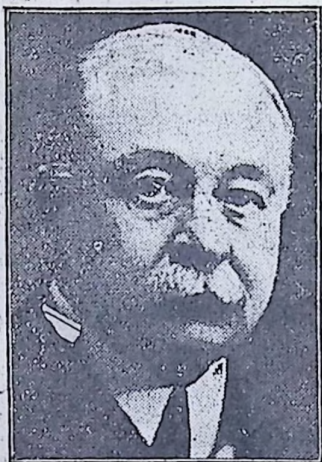
It is requested that friends send flowers.

EVENING, JUNE 23, 1930.

FORMER SUPT. OF SACO SCHOOLS DIED SUNDAY

Theodore T. Young
Connected with Schools
45 Years.

Former Superintendent of Schools
Theodore T. Young, 75, who had
been connected with the Saco public



THEODORE T. YOUNG.

school for 45 continuous years, during which time he had served in every capacity from a teacher in the rural schools, to superintendent of schools, and was widely-known in Maine educational circles, died at his home, 117 Elm street, Saco, Sunday afternoon about 2.30. Beginning as a rural school teacher in 1880, he traveled through every grade, and had taught in the old high school, and in 1909 was elected superintendent of schools.

He was stricken with a shock five years ago in August, since which time he had been confined to his room the greater part of the time. Recently he began to decline, and it had been realized by intimate acquaintances, who had kept in touch with his condition that he could not long survive. The end came peacefully at mid-afternoon.

Hundreds and hundreds of men and women who remember him as a teacher, and later as superintendent, also as a man of exceptional kindness and sympathy, broadmindedness, and unusual preception, received news of his demise with profound sorrow. Graduates of both the Sweetser and Locke schools, of which he was principal for years, held him in high esteem, and during his long sickness have made frequent inquiries regarding his condition. His work, personality, ideals, high conception of American citizenship, and an unblemished manhood were woven into the lives of others, and into the traditions and development of the public schools of Saco. As a teacher he was recognized as one of the best.

Today many friends of long standing mourn, and in words of reverence, show the esteem in which they held the deceased and in words of sorrow express their sympathy to

his daughter, who survives.

Mr. Young possessed to a high degree those qualities of character that are not so outstanding distinctive of the present generation. He was a friend to both children and teachers and when he was obliged to relinquish his duties as superintendent because of sickness, keenest regret was expressed by all. Since boyhood days he had been interested in the schools of his adopted city. He had long been interested in educational matters and while at the head of the schools did everything possible to elevate the standard of the school methods. Although the teacher and superintendent has left the scene of this great usefulness, the memory of his many generous and helpful acts will never be forgotten. His heart was full of generous and kindly influences, flowing out to those in distress. In deeds of kindness he has ever been conspicuous. The gentleness and sympathy of his nature imparted a charm to his character.

He was a kind husband and father, a good neighbor, and will be missed in the neighborhood on Elm street, where he had lived for so many years. For many years he was senior deacon of Saco First Parish Congregational church, and while his health permitted was one of its most active and influential members. In former years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and had served in other capacities and was beloved by the members. He was a member of Saco lodge of Masons.

Mr. Young was born in Sanford, Oct. 27, 1854, the son of Daniel and Olive Young. He came to Saco with his parents when he was quite young, and lived on the Buxton road for years, before he bought the home in which he died on Elm street. He was educated in the city schools and was graduated from the old Saco high school. He next attended Cambridge Latin and then Harvard college graduating in the class of 1878. Theodore Roosevelt was a student at Harvard while Mr. Young attended the university, and they became quite well acquainted, being about the same age.

After receiving his diploma at Harvard, he returned to Saco and began his teaching career in the rural schools in 1880. He was advanced from grade to grade from time to time and was at one time an instructor in the old high school. He is best remembered as principal of the Sweetser grammar school, and later of the Locke grammar school on Beach street, resigning the principalship to become superintendent. He was a teacher from 1880 until 1909 and superintendent from 1909 until 1925. He had often said that he had taught in every grade in the city schools.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ruth Young, a teacher in the New Bedford, Mass., high school.

The funeral will be held in the First Parish Congregational church in Saco,

at 2 o'clock, on Tuesday afternoon, and all are invited to attend the service.

APRIL 21, 1939.

F. A. RODMAN, SACO RESIDENT, DIED THURSDAY

Frank A. Rodman, life-long resident of Saco, well-known throughout York county and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, died late Thursday night at his home, 516 Main street, Saco, following a long illness. His age was 68 years, 7 months and 10

April 19, 1939

Cecil Clay, 70, Veteran Court Reporter, Dies In Belfast Home



Cecil F. Clay

Formerly Served As
Stenographer For
Maine House

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Belfast, April 18—Cecil F. Clay, 70, widely known court stenographer, died today at his home here following an illness with which he was stricken suddenly

while reporting the October term of the Waldo County Superior Court, over which Justice Arthur Chapman of Portland presided. He was taken to the Waldo County Hospital for treatment but when it was discovered that his ailment was incurable he returned to his home.

Mr. Clay was born in Buxton, the son of Jonathan and Susie Brooks Clay, being a member of one of the prominent families in that town. His father died when he was 17 and soon after that he began his life work of stenographer. In addition to serving the Maine Supreme and Superior Courts and the State House of Representatives, he was also reporter for the Bering Sea Commission in 1894-95 and the St. John River Commission in 1909-13.

He was a member of the National Shorthand Writers' Association, Phoenix Lodge of Masons, Cranston Royal Arch Chapter, King Solomon's Council and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, all of Belfast. He was also affiliated with the Northport Country Club, and Belfast Coot Club and was at one time a member of Portland Lodge of Elks. He attended the First Church in Belfast. For several years he was a resident of Portland and learned shorthand nights while attending Portland Public Schools.

Mr. Clay leaves a wife, Mrs. Blanche Clay; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Clay Smardon, by a former marriage; a granddaughter, Sally Smardon, and a grandson, Philip Smardon.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Thursday at 1 p. m., the Rev. Frederick D. Hayes, pastor of the First Church, officiating, and the readers will be Dr. Ansel M. Lettison, Dr. Thomas W. Lothrop, Marion E. Brown and Norman A. Reid.

days. Mr. Rodman was an extract manufacturer, carrying on a business started by his father. He was born in Saco, son of Edward P. and Ellen (Dearing) Rodman. He made many friends throughout the county while engaged in his business, and through his wide travels made friends in several sections of the country.

He was an attendant at the Second Parish Unitarian church in Saco. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ruth (Picard) Rodman, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

JANUARY 10, 1940.

WELL-KNOWN SACO RESIDENT DIED TODAY

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Douglass, wife of William Douglass, well-known Saco resident, active in church and fraternal circles, died at a local hospital this morning. Her age was 69 years.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Andrew and Agnes (Anderson) Thompson.

Mrs. Douglass was prominent in several circles in Saco. She was a past noble grand of Saco Rebekah lodge, active in The Women's Educational and Industrial Union, the Saco-Biddeford Garden club and the Saco United Baptist church, and church organizations. She took an active part in church work for many years.

She leaves her husband, William Douglass, and a nephew, William Pettegrove, the latter of Troy, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 49 Elm street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Services will be strictly private.

It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Jotted in the Library

The current exhibition of old photographs at the McArthur library is really a chapter in the musical history of Biddeford. It's an interesting chapter, too, since it shows so clearly how far the



PIERRE L. PAINCHAUD.

inspiring force and enthusiasm of one man can reach.

That man was Pierre L. Painchaud whose death occurred just 50 years ago this month. Pierre L. Painchaud came to Biddeford about 1857. He was 4 or 5 years old, and until the end of his life more than 50 years later he was part of Biddeford. He was educated in Biddeford schools; his early bent to music was nurtured entirely in Biddeford and on Biddeford resources. At the age of 18 he organized Painchaud's band (La Fanfare Painchaud), an enterprise that has in the nearly 70 years since given many a Biddeford young man a musical start and an excellent outlet for his musical ability. For more than a generation Pierre Painchaud led that band and established it so firmly that today it is believed to be the second oldest band in New England.

But the musical influence of the man on Biddeford was even wider than that. As years passed and his family grew up he formed an ensemble that as La Famille Painchaud became widely known for gifted entertainment, and that carried the banner of Biddeford throughout New England as a city where musical and artistic talent flourished and was encouraged to develop. Their concerts were events in the cities they visited. They put on an entire evening's entertainment with songs, with concerted pieces and instrumental solos. After 1888 a special feature was their performance on an interesting musical device invented by Mr. Painchaud him-

self. In an old programme of 1891, now in the library exhibit, the device is described as the "original and musical instrument played upon for the first time by the family in 1888." Briefly it consisted of four sets of glass bottles, ranging from 20-gallon containers to small medicine vials. These Mr. Painchaud tuned carefully by a system of wax fillings and with three members of the family he played elaborate musical arrangements by blowing across the bottle tops. The resultant harmonies were very pleasing and the instrument has been described as having the mellow tone-quality of a superb pipe-organ.

In these family concerts Mr. Painchaud played the violin and at times the cello and cornet. He also sang and furnished the comedy relief by appearing as what was then known as a "lightning change" artist. Photographs of these changes (which were made in quick dashes from the stage between songs) are also on display in the library exhibit. They are extremely interesting. They cover a wide range of varied roles and show the man to have been a genuine artist in spirited comedy.

And still that is not the end of Pierre Painchaud's activity in things musical in Biddeford. His versatile talents led him to be a moving spirit in the organization of L'Union Musicale, a group of nearly 60 musical amateurs of Biddeford that about 1890 put on their first light opera, Les Cloches de Corneville, whose English title is the Chimes of Normandy. In this production Mr. Painchaud played the important role of Gaspard and played it so well that a professional touring company, appearing in Biddeford that same week, refused to perform the opera (though they had been scheduled to do so) because the professional actor who was to take the part of Gaspard would not risk comparison of his own playing and singing with that of Pierre L. Painchaud. The professional company, in fact, after seeing the L'Union Musicale's performance of the Chimes of Normandy gave quite sincere praise to Biddeford's amateurs. Other operas produced by L'Union under Mr. Painchaud's direction were Girofle, Girofla and Olivette.

Altogether it's a stimulating and inspiring record, that of Pierre L. Painchaud and his musical achievements in Biddeford. And the city of Biddeford has a right to be proud that such a man could literally be bred here and could find in Biddeford the encouragement, the resources and the support necessary to carry on the excellent work he did. That work still goes on. It is a well deserved tribute that the exhibit now on view at the McArthur library pays to Painchaud's band, and to the memory of its founder, Pierre L. Painchaud.

Saco Man Promoted To High Navy Post



Rear Admiral Fairfield

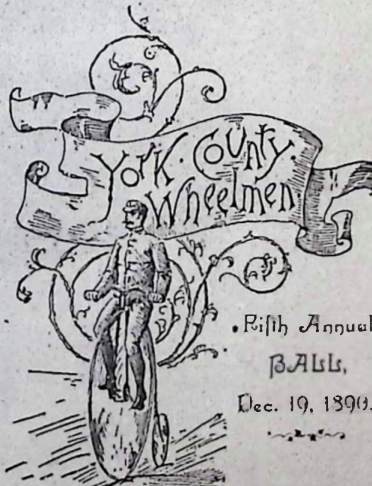
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Rear Admiral Arthur P. Fairfield, native of Saco, has been assigned to command Battleship Division Three, Battle Force, according to Navy transfers reported by the United Press from Washington Friday. He has been assistant to the chief of naval operations.

Admiral Fairfield, a graduate of Thorntons Academy, has been commanding officer of several Navy warships and visited Portland in 1936 with the U. S. S. Astoria and U. S. S. New Orleans in 1936.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

All you old timers who remember the little Blue store, as it was called, a small wooden structure located between the Wallace house and the old brick building at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, Saco, please stand up. These buildings were torn down years ago. For some years George M. Bickford, conducted a candy and tobacco shop in the small wooden structure and later it was occupied by E. D. Thomas as a grocery store. At the time it was occupied by Mr. Bickford, who died some years ago, it was an after-supper forum for a number of Saco citizens who discussed every topic under the sun, but principally politics. Mr. Bickford had one of the first soda fountains in that city. It was a crude affair, however, the favorite fountain drink at that time was strawberry soda. It was the best sell at the Bickford, according to an old citizen, who was accustomed to pass his evenings in the little store, painted blue, from which it derived its name. Between the store and brick building, owned by Harry Reatty, was a small plot where settees and benches were placed on pleasant evenings in summer. The back part of the store where the regular met was stuffy on a hot summer night and the citizens were glad to get fresh air, as often the political discussions became quite heated. Dorance Little, who served as city marshal for a year or two was one of the charter members of the Blue store, and Liberty Hall, a city clerk for several years, another.



Fifth Annual

RALEIGH

Dec. 19, 1890.

Hostess at Hospital Benefit Tea



ME. E. Blake, Saco, who opened her home Tuesday for a silver tea as a benefit for the freed fund of the Webber hospital. Photo shows Mrs. Blake at the attractively set table for which tea was served.

Biddeford Journal Photo

MARCH 4, 1939.

AGE ISLAND A CURIOSITY TO VISITORS

The remarkable 60-foot monument of stone that stands on Age Island at the mouth of the river is a source of curiosity to many of the younger generations as well as to many summer visitors.

The true story of its building, of the tragedy that took place, is disclosed in an ancient document on file in the office of the clerk of the house of representatives at Washington. It is a document that Congress reimburses builders for losses incurred.

It sets forth that three Portland bricklayers, Bailey, Leavitt and Lowell, under government contract made with the local superintendent of lighthouses, built the beacon in the summer of 1825, that the foundation was partly ledge and partly hardpan; and then, "that when they raised the walls of said monument to the

height of 54 feet, to the very grievous disappointment of said contractors that part of the wall which was not founded upon the solid rock settled and gave way, so that the whole mass fell, while the said John Lowell and three of their workmen were upon its top, by means whereof said Lowell was instantly killed and the others severely wounded."

The petition is signed by Lowell's widow and the two surviving contractors. For they had to build the whole affair over again, and naturally lost heavily;

but it does not appear that Congress allowed them anything.

Built for the lighthouse board, the monument was intended as a beacon and range-mark for the mouth of the Saco river.

MARCH 24, 1939.

WELL-KNOWN SACO WOMAN DIED THURSDAY

The many friends of Mrs. Ella F. Burbank of Saco will be saddened to learn of her death, which occurred Thursday night at a local hospital.

Mrs. Burbank was born in Saco, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram O. Hill, and her entire life was spent in that city. She has been in failing health for several months and three weeks ago was removed to the hospital, where she grew steadily worse until the end came.

Ella F. Hill was united in marriage with Elbridge W. Burbank on Dec. 24, 1890, and survived her husband by a little more than nine years.

She was a woman of sunny disposition and made friends wherever she went. Charitable, and always with a kind word, her excellent qualities of mind and heart invited warm friendships and regard and endeared her to her associates.

Restricted to her home in the last years of her life, she was always happy and contented. She was a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and an attendant for many years upon services at the First Parish

Congregational church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Phillip H. Bean of Jersey City, N. J., who has been in constant attendance during the last few weeks. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

FEBRUARY 22, 1939.

R. W. LIBBY, OF SACO, CIVIL ENGINEER, DEAD

Rowland W. Libby, 71, civil engineer and surveyor, and life-long resident of Saco, died at his home 165 North street, Saco, last night.

He was born in Saco, the son of Evan C. and Anna Styles. He was educated in the public schools of Saco. For 40 years he was a civil engineer in Saco, first a member of the firm of Libby and Dennett, then Libby and Johnson, and afterwards of Libby and Dow.

He was a member of Saco lodge of Masons, York Chapter, Maine Council and Bradford Commandery. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Annette chapter, O. E. S.

Mr. Libby had a wide circle of friends who will learn with sorrow of his passing. He was a genial companion and made friends wherever he went.

The funeral will be held at the Dennett & Craig funeral home in Saco, Friday, at 2 p. m.

APRIL 17 1939,

WELL-KNOWN SACO WOMAN DIED SATURDAY

Mrs. Myra Chapin, a Former Teacher Was Active in Church.

Mrs. Myra Deering Chapin, widow of the late Dormer F. Chapin, died at her home on the Portland road, Saco, late Saturday evening after a long illness, aged 88 years, two months and 27 days. Mrs. Chapin was born in Saco, the daughter of William Harper and Frances (McKenney) Deering.

She was educated in the public schools of Saco and graduated from the old Saco high school. After attending Mt. Holyoke Seminary in South Hadley, Mass., she returned to Saco and taught school for a few years.

Mrs. Chapin was a loyal member of the Second Parish Unitarian church of Saco and very active in all church work. She served as president of the Unitarian Social Circle and was a member of the executive committee for many years. She was a vice president and afterward made an honorary member of the E. and I. Union of Saco and a charter member of the Saco Grange.

She married Dormer F. Chapin of Granby, Mass., Jan. 17, 1888, and four children survive this union to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted mother, Miss Lillian A. Chapin of Saco, Francis D. Chapin, Philip E. Chapin, also of Saco, and Mrs. Emil Seppa, professionally known as Dr. Josephine M. Chapin, of Chicago, Ill.

In her passing, home, church and community lose the presence of a woman of strong personality whose influence will long continue to be felt.

Her nature was characterized by initiative; she lived on the active, not the passive plane. She had very positive opinions which made it seem natural to seek her advice and counsel. Her frank, sincere words were spoken from strong convictions of the right and the truth. She loved the substantial rather than make believe; was ever happy to encourage wholesome entertainment. Sociability was her delight. She was a kind and trusted neighbor; a true and understanding friend. In her home she was the center of affection and respect.

In the regular church life she always gave whole-hearted cooperation and at critical times vigorous, courageous, optimistic leadership, often suggesting and assisting in carrying out original ideas.

She gave much thought and work to community welfare, willing to help efficiently any project for the benefit of Saco. "She hath done what she could." Her memory is an inspiration.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Second Parish Unitarian church. Friends may call at the Shumway funeral home Monday from 2 until 10 p. m.



APRIL 2, 1939.

Mrs.
David S.
Cook
Biddeford

MARCH 23, 1939.

**Mrs. Harry Hooper,
Native of Saco,
Died in California**

Mrs. Grace Gilpatric Hooper, widow of Harry Hooper, died this morning at La Jolla, Cal., after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Hooper was born in Saco, and after her marriage to Mr. Hooper came back to the family home on Main street for the summer vacations.

Possessing an unusually brilliant mind, a cheerful disposition, a true loyalty for her friends as well as a remarkable generosity toward all with whom she came in contact, Mrs. Hooper will be greatly mourned by a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Hooper leaves a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Rexford of Concord, N. H., two sons, H. Hooper of West Rye, N. H., and Maurice of Chulavista, Cal., also two sisters, Mrs. Maxey of Baltimore and Mrs. Enoch Lowell of Saco.



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BIDDEFORD, ME.

JUNE 19, 1940.

**Geo. W. Titcomb,
Saco Resident,
Died Last Night**

George W. Titcomb, well-known resident of Saco, died last night after a long illness at his home, 247 North street. His age was 67 years, six months and five days.

He was born in Saco, son of George and Lodeska Jose Titcomb.

For more than 35 years Mr. Titcomb was employed by the Boston and Maine railroad. He was station agent at the old eastern division station when he retired.

Mr. Titcomb was a member of First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Saco lodge, I. O. O. F., Hobah Encampment, Saco lodge of Rebekahs, Saco lodge F. and A. M., York chapter and Maine council. He was active for years in these organizations, and was known to a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity and held in high esteem.

He leaves his wife, one son, Frederic G. Titcomb of Saco, a sister, Mrs. Fred Thims, two brothers, Guy H. and Samuel A. Titcomb, both of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 1, 1939.

MARRIED 50 YEARS



MR. AND MRS. WILBUR ALLEN.

Well-Known Saco Couple Observe 50th Anniversary of Wedding Saturday.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

OBSERVING GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Allen, of 68 Middle street, Saco, are quietly observing their golden wedding anniversary today. An informal reception will be given the couple at G. A. R. hall, in Saco City building this evening from 7.30 to 10 o'clock by members of Fred S. Gurney Women's Relief corps, and Horace H. Burbank, Sons of Veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were married July 1, 1889, in Saco, by Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.

Mr. Allen was born in Biddeford, the son of John W. Allen, of Cornish, and Rusiah Berry, of Burnham.

Mr. Allen went to work for the Loom Picker Co., in this city, now the Garland Mfg. Co., of Saco, at the age of 15 years. He received 50 cents a day for his services, worked 58 hours a week and he settled once a month. He is the only living employee of the company that went to Saco with them. Mr. Allen retired 11 years ago, on account of his health. At that time he was foreman of the cutting department. Mr. Allen, who is a charter member of Horace H. Burbank camp, Sons of Veterans, is past commander of the camp and has always been prominent in all its activities.

Mrs. Emma Gertrude Allen, daughter of William and Pamela Holland, was born in Cambridge, Mass. She is chairman of the relief committee of Fred S. Gurney Relief Corps. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allen are members of the Saco United Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have many

friends in the two cities who will extend congratulations and express the wish that they will live to celebrate many more wedding anniversaries.

They have two children, Mrs. Ethel Hooper and Ralph Allen, a clerk in the Saco postoffice, also one granddaughter, Mrs. Justina Rice and one great-granddaughter, Darryl Jean Rice.

JANUARY 8, 1940.

Mrs. F. T. Graves Dead in Saco

Mrs. Josephine (Leavitt) Graves, wife of Dr. Frederick T. Graves died Sunday night at her home on Main street, Saco. She has been a resident of Saco more than 70 years.

Mrs. Graves was born in this city, daughter of Francis W. and Sara (Grant) Leavitt.

She was a member of the Unitarian society of Saco, and for years was active in the church and among a large circle of friends.

She leaves her husband and one son, Laurence L. Graves, and a grandson; two brothers, Dr. Philip A. Leavitt of Boston, and Henry A. Leavitt of New Haven, Conn.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 305 Main street, Saco, and will be strictly private. Friends may call between 2 and 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

It is requested that flowers be omitted.

FEB. 23, 1930.



Mrs.
Seth M.
Hanson
of Saco

MARCH 21, 1939.

LEROY HALEY, DEAN OF LOCAL LAWYERS, DIED HERE TODAY

Leroy Haley, one of the foremost and ablest lawyers of the county, died early this morning at his home from a heart attack, following a 10 months illness.

Mr. Haley was born in Saco, August 8, 1867, the son of Henry Usher and Martha (Boothby) Haley, one of a family of 10 children.

He read law in the office of the late Benjamin F. Hamilton and George F. Haley with Judge B. F. Cleaves and Walter J. Gilpatrick.

He was admitted to the York county bar at Alfred, May 25, 1889, at the age of 21, and was the youngest practicing lawyer for some years.

He formed a partnership law practice with Asa Low at Springvale and practiced law there under the firm name of Low and Haley until he became associated in 1895 with his brother George F. Haley, practicing under the firm name of George F. and Leroy Haley at Biddeford. The partnership continued until George F. Haley was appointed to the supreme court bench April 12, 1911, since which time he had practiced alone.

Mr. Haley celebrated the 49th anniversary of his admittance to the bar last May and was the oldest in point of service in his profession in this community.

Among the lawyers who have been associated with him in his office are Judge C. Wallace Harmon of Saco, Judge Louis B. Lausier, Judge Fillmore P. Harris, Attorneys Arthur J. Lesieur, Ray P. Hanscom of Ogunquit, Richard Armstrong and Simon Spill. Judge Lausier and Arthur J. Lesieur studied law and were admitted to the bar from his office.

Mr. Haley was very generous with his legal knowledge among his brother lawyers from all over the county who very often sought his wise counsel. The York county bar will feel strongly the loss of one of its keenest legal minds.

One impressive phase of Mr. Haley's life was his wide reading of the old masters. He kept apace with all the standard works of history, biography and general literature. He could repeat whole plays of Shakespeare and verse after verse of standard poems. This ability to make apt quotations coupled with his keen mind and quick wit often won for his clients many a case which appeared on the surface to be going against them.

He is survived by his wife, Grace F. Haley; two daughters, Esther H. Parmenter of Portland and Irene H. Stride of Biddeford; four grandchildren, Thomas E. Parmenter and Robert H. Parmenter of Portland and Elaine and Richard J. Stride of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Maybelle H. Purvis of Shreveport, La., and Miss Esther Haley of Chicago, Ill.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 at Dennett and Craig funeral

DEAN OF LOCAL LAWYERS, DEAD



LEROY HALEY.
home, Main street, Saco.

Friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Attorneys who studied in the office of Attorney Haley and other prominent members of the bar paid tribute today to the memory of Attorney Haley. Among tributes received were the following: Judge Harry B. Ayer.

"The grim reaper has again invaded the ranks of the York Bar association, and taken our good and beloved brother, Leroy Haley. He was among the last of that type of an attorney who stood for so much, a safe lawyer of the old school, though keeping abreast of modern times and conditions, rugged and learned in the law, a good advocate, with a clear, discriminating and strong mind. He will be greatly missed by the bench and bar, his family and hosts of friends."

Judge Daniel Crowley.

"I was very much grieved to hear this morning of the passing of Brother Haley whose friendship I have enjoyed since coming to the bar, and who I regarded as one of the most learned members of the state bar."

Armstrong and Spill.

Attorney Simon Spill, speaking for the firm of Armstrong and Spill, said: "Our office shall indeed miss the reliable counsel and sincere friendship of one who guided both Mr. Armstrong and myself into the practice of law. His friendship for and his guidance of the youth of the bar is attested by many who have studied in his office, and who are in active practice today. His understanding of human nature, his keen, analytical mind, coupled with his sense of justice and determination to do what he believed was right, made

him one of the best cross-examiners and advocates. His memory was a storehouse of local historical facts and knowledge, and it is regrettable that he did not place these into letters as he was often urged. His theories of the law molded into opinions of the court will perpetuate his memory. He served his court and community well, and we, his students, have cause to regret the departure of our friend.

C. Wallace Harmon.

It is with deep regret that I have just heard of the death of Leroy Haley, Esq., who has been a practicing attorney in Biddeford for more than 30 years. I knew Brother Haley very well as I read law in the office of Haley & Haley when he was a partner with his brother, Judge George F. Haley, who died in 1918.

Leroy Haley was an able lawyer who was at his best in the trial of cases. He understood to a high degree the art of cross-examination. He was a great reader of books and could quote passages from many authors, to bring out a point that he desired to emphasize in an argument before a jury or in conversation with his friends. He was a man who made friends with all whom he met and was a very agreeable companion. His death will be greatly regretted by all who knew him and especially by the members of the bar who knew and respected his abilities and enjoyed his companionship.

Lloyd P. LaFountaine.

"In the death of Attorney Leroy Haley the young members of the bar have lost one of the best friends they ever had. He was like a father to all of us. He was always ready and willing to assist any of the younger members of the bar. He had one of the finest memories of any lawyer in the state. He will be missed by both the younger and older attorneys."

Thomas B. Walker.

I shall always remember Leroy Haley as one of the keenest and most able of the older members of the bar. He will be greatly missed at the terms of court and at the social gatherings of the association.

Attorney Arthur J. Lesieur.

News of the death of Attorney Leroy Haley came to me as a distinct shock, as I saw him within a few days. He was one of my best friends. The York County Bar has lost one of its keenest and ablest minds. He was ever ready, able and willing to assist a brother lawyer.

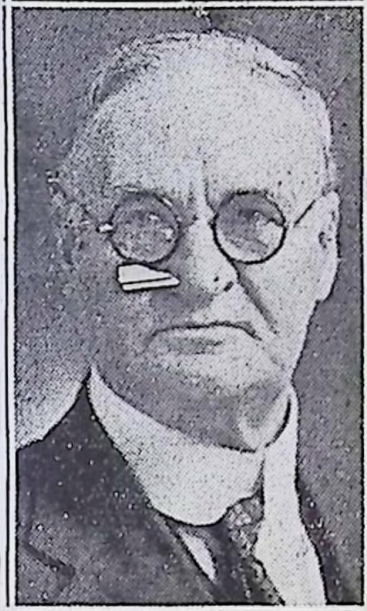
Fillmore P. Harris.

As a member of the York County Bar I feel a personal loss in the death of Brother Leroy Haley. He was noted for his loyalty and manifested the greatness of his human heart in many ways, especially by his willingness to ever lend a helping hand to his brothers, particularly to the younger members of the bar who so often sought his advice. A man of unusually keen intellect and largeness of heart, he will be greatly missed by the Bar and all who knew him.

March 22, 1939

Leroy Haley Dies In Biddeford; Long Bar Leader

Brother Of Late Supreme Court Justice Ill For Last Ten Months



Leroy Haley

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Biddeford, March 21—Leroy Haley, 71, one of the most prominent lawyers of Southwestern, Maine, brother of the late Justice George F. Haley of the Supreme Court, died at his home on Main Street, today, following an illness of 10 months.

Mr. Haley was born in Saco, the son of Henry Usher and Martha Boothby Haley and one of a family of 10 children. He received his education in the public schools of that city. He studied law in the offices of the late Benjamin F. Hamilton and George F. Haley, with Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves and later with Walter G. Gilpatrick. He was admitted to the York County Bar at Alfred, May 25, 1889, at the age of 21.

At one time he formed a partnership with Asa Low at Springvale, and practiced there until he became associated with his brother under the firm name of George F. and Leroy Haley. The partnership continued until April 12, 1911, when the former was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court.

Among attorneys who have been associated with him in his offices in late years are C. Wallace Harmon, Saco, Louis B. Lausier, Fillmore P. Harris, Arthur J. Lesieur, Simon Spill of Biddeford, Ray P. Hanscom of Ogunquit, and Richard H. Armstrong of Arizona, formerly of Saco.

Besides his wife, Grace F. Haley, he leaves two daughters, Esther H. Parmenter of Portland, and Irene A. Stride of Biddeford; two sisters, Mrs. Maybelle H. Purvis of Shreveport, La., and Miss Esther Haley of Chicago, and four grandchildren, Thomas E. Parmenter and Robert H. Parmenter of Portland, Elaine and Richard J. Stride of Biddeford.

Funeral Services will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main Street, Saco, Thursday at 1:30 p. m.

MARCH 23, 1939.

SILOAM HALL ON POOL ROAD



Property given to South Biddeford Methodist church, to be used by the church as a parish house for church activities. The building, a landmark on the Pool road, has for years been used for social activities and as a meeting-place for the Good Templar lodge, owners of the building.

Biddeford Journal Photo

OLD SILOAM HALL, POOL ROAD LANDMARK, GIVEN TO CHURCH

Following negotiations between the trustees of the South Biddeford Methodist Episcopal society, who have church buildings at 524 Pool road, and J. W. Staples, Edwin Wormwood and Fred Potts, trustees of Siloam lodge No. 151, Independent Order of Good Templars, a deed, conveying the lodge property known as Siloam hall to the church "to be used specifically for parish purposes" was recently passed.

With the transfer of title to the hall, the temperance organization, instituted April 22, 1878, under the title of Siloam lodge, No. 151, I. O. G. T., will not cease to exist, and members will be permitted to meet in the rooms on the second floor of the premises as has been their custom.

In connection with the above change in ownership, it is brought to the attention of the reader that Siloam lodge was one of the more prosperous of six similar local organizations of its type, founded during the decade between 1865-75: Olin Goldthwaite, 498 Pool street, local painter and paper hanger, who was outer guard of the lodge in 1886, is believed to be the only surviving member of the group of officers for that year.

Older residents recall the many social activities carried on under the auspices of the Good Templars in the past sixty years, many of them within the confines of the hall near the junction of the Pool and Guinea roads. Regular meetings were scheduled for every Wednesday evening.

APRIL 10, 1939.

Mrs. Nina Ridlon, Former Saco Missionary, Dead

Mrs. Nina Ridlon, former city missionary in Saco, widow of Charles Ridlon and a resident of Saco for the past 27 years, died last night at the home of her son, George E. Waterman, Lafayette street, Saco. Her age was 58 years and one month. She was born in Limestone.

Mrs. Ridlon was a member of Saco Rebekah lodge, Saco grange, Fred S. Gurney W. R. C., and served as chairman of the Republican city committee of Saco. She was prominent for several years in these circles and socially among a large number of friends in Saco and vicinity, a woman of appealing personality. She was held in high esteem, and will be greatly missed in the various circles with which she had been identified.

She leaves one son, George E. Waterman of Saco; five brothers, Harry and Allie Leighton of Limestone, Edward Leighton of New Bedford, Mass., George Leighton of Seattle, Wash., and Winnie Leighton of Bangor. She also leaves two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 230 Wednesday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 865 Main street, Saco.

Portland Sunday Telegram And Sunday Press
Herald—Portland, Maine—March 5, 1939

State's Oldest Rebekah Member Celebrates 90th Birthday Today

Mrs. Sarah Taylor Leavitt of 68 Hilsley Street, oldest Rebekah in point of membership in the State, is observing her 90th birthday quietly today. She is receiving many messages of congratulation, and her two daughters, Mrs. Howard L. Adams of Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Ella Humphreyville of Watertown, Mass., are hoping to join her for the anniversary.

An own cousin of the late Admiral George Dewey, and a more distant relative of Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Mrs. Leavitt was born March 5, 1849, in Saco where her father, Dr. James Hervey Smith, was a practicing physician. Her middle name commemorates the time when a President of the United States was not inaugurated according to custom on March 4. In 1849 this date fell upon a Sunday, and President-elect Zachary Taylor, a devout observer of the Sabbath, firmly refused to be inducted into office until Monday.

One of the exciting memories of Mrs. Leavitt's life is the day when, accompanied by her brother James W. Smith with whom she now makes her home, she attended the celebration in Boston which marked Dewey's return from Manila. Though the families of the cousins had always corresponded, they had never met, but Mrs. Leavitt and Mr. Smith called at the hotel where he was staying. After a short delay because he had given instructions to his suite that he was resting, Dewey received their note, sent a squad of marines to escort them to him, and welcomed the relatives he had never before seen, brushing aside the officer who was beginning a formal introduction, with the words, "These are my cousins and I would rather see them than the whole city of Boston!"

Mrs. Leavitt is today surprisingly young for her years. Her hearing is excellent and her general health good. Although her eyes have troubled her much during the past two years, she continues to write now and then, her girlhood residence in Saco rendering her an authority on the old days. Sixty-eight years ago this coming April 2, she joined Saco Rebekah Lodge No. 2 and her memory embraces for this period the rise and development of Rebekahs in Maine.



Mrs. Sarah T. Leavitt

church work was keen and her aid in any undertaking was assured.

No member of Foss street will be more missed or mourned and the sympathy of the whole church goes out to the bereaved family.

Her health had been poor for several years past but she came quickly at the last, as she failed rapidly the past week.

MARCH 21, 1940.

Former Saco Deputy Marshal Died Tuesday

Many Saco friends will learn with regret of the death of William Tinkham, 74, of Monmouth, formerly of Saco, where he was a member of the police force, who died at the C. M. G. hospital in Lewiston Tuesday night. He had been a patient at the hospital since March 5.

He was born in Monmouth and received his education in the school of that town. Later he came to Saco and was employed for some years by the old York Light and Heat company, in the gas house on Water street. In 1904 and '05, when John H. Dennett was city marshal, Mr. Tinkham served as deputy marshal, and he is well remembered by the older residents of the two cities. He returned to Monmouth in 1910, where he had since made his home.

Mr. Tinkham was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

He is survived by his son Horace Woodman Tinkham, one brother Frank A. Tinkham, and one sister, Mrs. Geneva Higgins, both of Lewiston.

The funeral will be held in East Monmouth Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the burial will be in the cemetery in that town.

FEBRUARY 25, 1939.

LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF CITY, DEAD

Miss Jennie Whipple Smith, life-long resident of this city, died at a local hospital early this morning, aged 70 years, 5 months.

Born on the Hollis road, eldest daughter of Samuel W. and Sarah (Whipple) Smith, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. George Willson of Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Alice M. Smith and Miss Emily M. Smith of 290 Elm street.

Services at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the home, 290 Elm street.

Miss Jennie was graduated from Biddeford high with the '87 class and was variously employed in local stores and hotels. Since her mother's death she has been the home-maker, the center of one of the most friendly homes in the city. She was a dependable member of Foss street Methodist Episcopal church, president for many years of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary society, and treasurer for more than 20 years for the Ladies Aid. Her interest in other branches of

FEBRUARY 4, 1932.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

The Old Settler who has been seeking information in regard to the location of the first poor house in Saco, and facts in regard to the Saco Retreat, which is still listed in the telephone book as the Saco city farm, is beholden to Frank C. Deering of that city for much valuable and interesting information regarding the location of the poor farm in that city during the past 118 years. He finds that Eben Simpson in his diary under date of May 17, 1814, wrote: "I went to the Falls to see what damage was done by the freshet. Great Jams. against Col. Catts' bridge, and the Poor house bridge gave way and went over the falls." Older residents of Saco remember Poor island and the two houses that were swept away in the freshet in the spring of 1896. These were the buildings used for the poor farm at the time of the high water in 1814. Some years later, Mr. Deering does not know the exact date, the town of Saco either purchased or used as a poor farm, a tract next to the schoolhouse on the Leaden road. In the Atlas of 1872 the poor farm site is plainly marked. Not long after that date the city must have purchased the present poor farm. It was formerly the property of William Scammon, but the last owner according to the Atlas with I. H. Scammon, possibly a son. Mr. Deering believes this date is correct, but any information with dates as early as that must be subject to checking from some reliable source, he says. If one wanted to be absolutely sure about the exact date, the records in the register of deeds office at Alfred would show when the property was acquired and supply the exact dates. But the above information is definite enough to settle the argument in regard to poor farms in Saco. Another man in Saco says it was shortly after 1872 that the present poor farm was acquired.

JANUARY 29, 1932.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

The Old Settler has been asked by a group of Saco and Biddeford men to settle an argument as to where the first poor-house in Saco was located, and when the Saco Retreat came into possession of the city of Saco and was used to shelter the paupers of the city. It was called the Saco poor-farm until the administration of Mayor Walter J. Gilpatrick when it was named the Saco Retreat for the reason that it sounded better than poor-farm. Judge Willis T. Emmons, who was questioned, was of the opinion, although not absolutely sure, that the poor-farm was at one time located at the old Ricker farm on the Boom road. It is now known as the Elmer Johnson place. To the best of his recollection, Seth

Scammon was keeper of the farm at that time. He afterwards became superintendent of the State Reform school at Cape Elizabeth. He could not remember dates, and was not positive about the information given above. While some of those involved in the discussion were of the opinion that the poor-farm was once located on the Portland road, to the best of his knowledge this is not a fact. Judge Emmons referred the Old Settler to a Saco historian, and it is expected that shortly information will be forthcoming, which will be satisfactory to those who seek correct data in regard to the poor-houses in Saco.

NOVEMBER 30, 1931.

SERVICE FOR J. P. RUNDLE HELD SUNDAY

New England States Represented at Funeral.

Biddeford and Saco, with large representations from other places in Maine and many from without the state, paid sorrowful, affectionate tribute to the memory of James P. Rundle, leader in the civic life of the two cities and prominent in the amusement activities of New England and the local business world, yesterday afternoon, when funeral services were held at his home, 445 Main street, Saco, these taking place at 2 o'clock.

The services, at which Rev. Fr. E. M. Shannon, assistant pastor of Most Holy Trinity parish, officiated, were attended by very large numbers of people, including prominent city officials, bank officials and other citizens of Biddeford and Saco, as well as many leaders in amusement circles in this section of the country, relatives and intimate friends. From 12 to 1 o'clock the home was open for those unable to attend the services who desired to pay final tribute, and during this hour hundreds took advantage of this privilege and silently and sadly filed past the casket, which rested amid a wilderness of floral beauty, in which roses, Mr. Rundle's favorite bloom, predominated.

The display of memorial flowers was one of the largest and most beautiful ever seen upon such an occasion in Saco, and included great numbers of tributes from organizations with which Mr. Rundle had been connected, as well as magnificent memorials from Paramount Public Theaters, of which the deceased had been a director, and individuals having had intimate association with Mr. Rundle during his life in the two cities. Upon the casket rested a solid blanket of roses with the inscription, "To Jim, from the Public Boys," and encircling the casket was a large and beautiful rosary composed of huge red and white roses. The employees of the City and Central theaters in this city sent for a floral remembrance a standing piece of great beauty consisting of carnations and lilies, and conspicuous was the tribute,



AUGUST 10, 1939.

W. H. WALKER DEAD IN SACO

Was in the Express Business for Many Years

William H. Walker, resident of Saco, for the past 35 years, died suddenly last night at his home, 30 Cross street, Saco. He was engaged in the express business between Biddeford, Saco and Portland for many years.

Mr. Walker was born in Freeport, April 19, 1866, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Walker.

He was known to hundreds of friends in this city, Saco and Portland. Up to a short time ago Mr. Walker was an unusually active man, covering his express route daily. A man of genial disposition, kindly and accommodating, he made a host of friends through his business associations. He had been a familiar figure about the business sections daily over a period of many years.

He leaves five sons, Everett G., of Niles, Michigan, Dr. Forrest S., of Presque Isle, William Lloyd, of Saco, Charles E., of Utica, N. Y., and Arthur H., of Portsmouth, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Evelyn M. Pratt, of Bowdoinham.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

constructed of roses, from the Boston and New York offices of Publix Theaters. James J. Fitzgibbons of Toronto, Canada, director of Publix Theaters for Canada, intimate friend of Mr. Rundle, offered tribute in a set piece consisting entirely of roses, the large blooms being rich in coloring.

At the conclusion of the service of the Roman Catholic church, the body was borne to Laurel Hill cemetery, where the interment took place with a committal service at the grave. The active pallbearers were Sidney A. Stables, Arthur E. Baker, Arthur F. Maxwell, Ralph W. Hawkes, Edward B. Moulton and William E. Shaw. The honorary bearers were: M. J. Mullin of Boston, division director of Publix Theaters in New England; A. J. Moreau of Portland, district manager of Publix Theaters in Maine and New Hampshire; C. J. Russell and C. J. Russell, Jr., of Bangor; Frank Colburn of Bath; Harry Mulqueen and James O'Donnell of Waterville; Henry Pinkham of Dover, N. H.; Joseph Dondis, and James Dondano of Rockland; William Powell, George Sargent and John Hassett of Portland.

After the burial and until dark hundreds of people visited the cemetery to view the floral tributes that were placed on the grave.

The flowers at the home and at the cemetery were arranged by Orrin H. Whitney of Strout's florists of this city.

MARCH 7, 1939.

Aldermen In Saco



George Butler
Ward One



Leon H. Libby
Ward Two



Gerry B. Nutting
Ward Three



Roland B. Emerson
Ward Four



Paul A. Bertrand
Ward Five



George Dolby
Ward Six



Clinton G. Milliken
Ward Seven
Biddeford Journal Photo

JUNE 26, 1939.

J. W. SMITH DIED SUNDAY

Overseer in York Mills
for Years—Retired
in 1916

James W. Smith, 92, formerly of Saco, for over 60 years employed in the York Mills, died Sunday morning at his home, 68 Ilsey street, Portland, following a long illness.

Mr. Smith was born in Saco, July 4, 1846, son of Dr. James Hervey Smith and Sarah (Dresser) Smith. He went to work in the York Mills at the age of 10 years and continued in the mill until he retired in 1916. For many years he was overseer of the weave room.

Since his retirement in 1916, Mr. Smith has made his home in Portland with a sister, Mrs. Sarah T. Leavitt, 89, oldest Rebekah in Maine in point of service. He cultivated a large flower and vegetable garden in the rear of his home.

Mr. Smith was a remarkable penman for his advanced years, several letters have been received from him by the Journal since he went to Portland to make his home, and up to his recent illness little change could be detected in his penmanship despite his advanced age. He was keenly interested in current events and had a remarkable knowledge of history of this city and Saco, from which he frequently contributed articles for the Journal when discussions arose.

He leaves his sister, three granddaughters, Mrs. Lloyd Hay, Miss Ruth Libby and Miss Esther Libby, all of Portland; two nieces, Mrs. Ella Humphreyville, Watertown, Mass., and Mrs. Howard Adams, Somerville, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Wednesday at 749 Congress street, Portland.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

APRIL 25, 1939.

FRED MASON DIED TODAY IN AUGUSTA

Newspaperman for
Half Century Started
Career Here

Frederic Mason, 76, of Augusta, newspaperman for more than 50 years, died at his home there today after a 15-months illness, the Associated Press reported.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at the home.

Mason was Augusta correspondent for the Boston Herald approximately 30 years. Prior to his association with that paper he was employed several years by the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram. He began his newspaper career as a young man in this city.

He was past president of the Augusta Kiwanis club. Besides his widow, he leaves two sons, Harry Hight of Boston and Frank Hight of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mason was born in this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mason, well-known among the older residents of the city. His father was a practicing attorney in this city.

He began his newspaper career in this city, soon after his graduation from college. He was graduated from the high school here in 1882. After his graduation from college he returned here and started his newspaper career on the old Biddeford Standard, on which he served for a time as city editor. He went to Portland and Lewiston, and later to Massachusetts, where he worked for a time. He returned to this city and entered the employ of the Journal, on which he served as city editor. He also worked as columnist on Portland and other papers.

JULY 31, 1939.

Fred W. Dyer Died Suddenly Saturday Night

Fred W. Dyer, 65, Saco, for many years engaged in business at Pepperell Square, died suddenly at his home on North street Saturday evening.

He was born at Saco, the son of Everard and Abbie Merrill Dyer. He received his education in the Saco schools. For a long period of years previous to retirement he conducted a sportsmen's goods store and a public weighing scale and a coal agency. He was also widely known as a gunsmith.

He is survived by his widow, Josephine Dyer; a brother, George H. Dyer, of Salmon Falls, N. H., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

JUNE 13, 1931.

HISTORY OF SACO. Old Houses and Hotels.

The next house on the list, the home of Dr. Paul S. Hill, is easily one of the finest in Saco and is a rare specimen of the best architecture of the early eighteen hundreds, of which it is typical. It was built by Dr. Hopkins, but the writer can only trace the story of the house back to the days of the Hobsons. The first Joseph Hobson was a well-known lumberman, with sawmills on the Saco river, and the family name was as important then in the town as that of the Deering family today, who were his successors in lumbering circles.

Mr. Hobson was the big man in the local business, shrewd, energetic, and of great determination. Eighteen forty-three was the year of the biggest freshet that the Saco river had known from its source and Saco river people ever experienced. Everything on the banks was swept away and Mr. Hobson's loss was tremendous.

He was away on important business when all this happened and on his return stood looking at the scene of ruin and his friends and neighbors began to console with him. "Well," he said, as he looked about him, and his voice was as clear and cheerful as ever, "what a splendid site for a new mill!" And before many months a new mill stood there, bigger and better than the old one by far.

Joseph Hobson was the first mayor of Saco after the town became a city in 1867. The city treasurer that year was James M. Deering and the municipal judge, who served three or more terms, was our esteemed friend, Hon. George A. Emery. It is interesting to note that Joseph W. Hobson, son of Joseph Hobson, the first, was elected the eleventh mayor, in 1884, following George F. Owen in office, and in turn was succeeded by Roscoe L. Bowers.

After the Hobson family had passed off the scene came the Jordans, father and son. The last member of that old family to own the place was Mr. Herbert R. Jordan. Mr. Jordan was married twice and has a daughter living in the middle West and a son in Saco. The Jordans disposed of the place a few years since to Dr. Paul S. Hill, a very successful physician.

This fine house has had many notable events within its walls and has seen much social life. It stands conspicuous for its stately, old-time look, really a monument to the builder, Dr. Hopkins.

A house like that, which has passed through numerous hands in the last century, should bear a tablet with the names of the several owners thereupon; a great help to a writer engaged in this work of tabulating the noted old homes in Saco.

No house in Saco has a more interesting story than the Fairfield house on Beach street, near Laurel Hill, so long the home of Governor Fairfield and his descendants.

The house was built by Rev. Elihu Whitcomb, who was ordained pastor of the First Parish church, July 3, 1799. He preached the dedication sermon when the new church was completed, on Feb. 12, 1806, and was pastor for several years. His salary had been fixed at \$200 and he was given

en a bonus of \$500 more to make a settlement before the new church was finished. Later the church authorities increased the bonus by \$100 and added a yearly \$10 to his salary. Doubtless such affluence induced Parson Whitcomb to build the house on Beach street.

Governor Fairfield bought the house and farm in 1836, while he was in congress, before he was governor, and from that house many notable men and women have gone forth into the world to fill positions demanding ability, integrity, social training and poise, and their descendants still occupy the estate.

There are a number of other old houses, worthy to be included; the well-known Shepley house on Summer street, now owned and occupied by Mr. Everard and Miss Charlotte Riversmith, descendants of Judge Ether Shepley, who was a leader in all important matters in Saco, before he moved to Portland, where the name is still highly esteemed and influential. The Shepley house is a most delightful retreat, attractive in furnishings and radiating a most gracious hospitality, which has been famous for more than one generation, and the names of several beautiful and gifted women linger in the minds of all fortunate enough to know them.

The former Calef house on Beach street must not be forgotten; the Barrows place on Main street, and the fine house rescued from gradual ruin and now in a condition far better than in its early days, the house of Mr. James P. Garland at the crest of the hill, as you swing from Main street to the Portland road. Then there is the old "Southgate place," on the way to Portland,—yes, all the way to Scarborough are old-time houses and homes.

It is impossible in this chapter to describe or even mention the notable old houses on the side streets, like the Buxton road, now North street, and the many fine modern residences in which the city takes a justifiable pride cannot even be catalogued.

A clipping sent the writer from a Portland daily of more than 20 years ago bears as caption: "Saco Could Once Boast Six Hotels."

It goes on to lament that at that date, in 1921, "the city is without any, though one of the smartest cities of its size in the state, since the 'Thornton Inn,' formerly the 'Wallace,' was demolished to make room for a new Masonic Council building on Thornton avenue, which was never built." Today there is a large building, fronting on the avenue, combining garage and salesroom for automobiles.

The cut which accompanied the story of the old hotels showed to great advantage the old "Saco House," which was "once considered one of the finest public houses in the state." Lewis P. True was for years proprietor of the hotel and his son, who is well remembered, Harry P. True, was a great favorite with the younger set in town. After his father's death and a fire which destroyed the Saco House, Harry True retired from the hotel business and went to Springfield, Mass., where he was proprietor of a large and flourishing jewelry establishment, one of the best in New England, outside of Boston. The old Saco House was wrecked by a fire that menaced the entire business part of the town. Only the walls re-

mained, which were afterwards made into a furniture store. The date of the building of the old Saco House cannot be given exactly. Mr. John Haley, the well-known historian of Saco, was never able to learn the exact date of its erection, although, he searched most diligently for the same.

Other old taverns or hotels in Saco were the York hotel, near, possibly next to, the Saco House; the American House, and the Thornton House, once the fine residence of Colonel and Mrs. T. G. Thornton. This was a large, hip-roofed house, of which the only portion that remained after the fire in 1860 or 1861 was the ell, which was moved around the Cross street and made into a dwelling.

When General Lafayette was entertained by Mrs. Thornton, in the summer of 1826, several young fellows were watching from vantage points while last touches were being added to the feast prepared for the famous guest. There was some misunderstanding; the great man was either late or missed out altogether and while the family sat in front of the house, three young bloods climbed in the window and helped themselves.

After the death of Mrs. Thornton, in 1845, the house was remodeled into a hotel, which was most attractive and an ornament to the city, but it finally succumbed to the regular Nemesis of Saco hotels and was burned, as stated, in 1850 or 1851, authorities differing.

The name of Gurney is associated in the writer's mind as proprietor of the old York hotel, and that of a daughter, Miss Ruby Gurney, who was something of a local belle. Whether this was previous to the days when Silas Gurney was proprietor of the old Tremont House in Boston the deponent saith not.

The night the American House was burned, Mayor Oliver C. Clark, for years a retail clothing dealer, was a boarder there. He went to a fire in the town earlier in the evening and when he returned, he remarked to William S. Noyes, who was also a boarder, that he would not turn out to another fire that night unless the headboard of his bed became hot.

Before morning fire was discovered in the hotel and ex-Mayor Clark was obliged to flee from the building in his night-clothes.

Oliver C. Clark was mayor of Saco 1878-1881.

Many of us recall the old Wallace Inn, on the left hand side of Main street, a rather rambling structure of two stories and a half. It had formerly been the home, including the office, of Dr. Allen, an old-time physician, whose two daughters were well known. One married the father of Miss Edith Scamman and the writer knew her quite well and found her acquaintance most delightful, but the after-life of Miss Georgia Allen is not so well remembered.

After the Allens were gone from the house it was converted into a public house or inn by F. C. Wallace, who was proprietor of a fish market on the opposite side of the street.

When the Masonic block was erected, the Wallace was moved around to Thornton avenue, just behind the new block and changed into a very comfortable and more compact house. It was kept for a time by Urbain Ledoux and his sister, Mrs. Aurise Ledoux Leon-

ard, and some time later Mr. and Mrs. Carl Iverson were proprietors before it was demolished to make a place for the automobile building which occupies much space.

That left Saco without a hotel, but the ever-popular and well-patronized "Deer Inn," with its picturesque sign-board, filled a long-felt want and is a favorite resort for all who can be accommodated, and numerous visitors, tourists and residents sit down to the bountiful tables every day, yes, three times daily.

Mr. Hall's "Colonial" is now opened for the summer and offers great advantages in the way of large, airy rooms.

In these days of swift-running motor cars Saco does not need the five taverns of the old stage-coach days. In winter travelers stop only in the larger cities, and the numerous beaches and shore resorts, which extend like a chain along our Maine coast, get most of the business in the summer season.

One of the great happenings of the first half of the last century to affect our two cities was the steam railroad in 1842, when it was first opened for travel and trains were run between Portland and Portsmouth, N. H. This was over the old Portland, Saco & Portsmouth railroad, now a part of the Eastern division of the Boston & Maine.

At that time one could not travel all the way to Boston by train, for beyond Portsmouth the old four-horse stage coaches were still used. Later, this railroad was extended through Newburyport, Salem and Lynn to Boston and became the Eastern railroad. The Boston & Maine at that time ran only from Boston, through Lawrence and Dover to North Berwick, where a junction existed, and by arrangement with the P. S. and P. R. R. trains were run from that junction to Portland. In 1874, the Boston & Maine built an extension from North Berwick to Portland, running near Wells Beach, connecting at Kennebunk village with the Port and Beach, and through the very heart of Biddeford and Saco.

Old Orchard Beach was the point the steam railroad wished to reach and the result was a great boom for that resort and the whole shore from the Saco river to Pine Point. There's where the so-called "Dummy railroad" came in for part of the way. Previous to this time passengers for Old Orchard stopped at the Saco depot, far out on North street, and were driven to the (at that time) exclusive resort in stage coaches. Since the merger of the two roads the later history is familiar.

Then came street railroads; as long as horses were the motive power, they were not important rivals of the steam roads, but when, in 1892, the street railroad in these two cities was electrified, cars could be operated all the year round and received great patronage. Then came the Atlantic Shore Line from the City square to York, which hit the B. & M. railroad to quite an extent. But a still more formidable rival was to appear—the Automobile!

A good story, though now an old one, has been told about this rivalry. A new spring time-table of the B. & M. railroad had appeared and towns along the line in York county found that the train service was much reduced between their home stations and the shore resorts. Protests were heard on all sides

and appeals were made to the railroad powers. A meeting was called in Portland for a certain date and delegates from all the towns along the line were assembled for a conference with the road officials. After listening to the protests and pleas from the visitors, the railroad man presiding over the meeting remarked: "Gentlemen, I see there are 27 of you here present. Will you tell me how you traveled?"

Two men came on a Boston & Maine train; the others arrived by automobile.

"That's the answer, gentlemen!" was his final reply.

And now, several years later, the motor cars and busses have increased in a ratio of 10 to 1.

How soon will the airplanes avenge the steam railroads?

Estelle M. Tatterson.

AUGUST 14, 1939.

WELL-KNOWN LOCAL MAN DIED SUNDAY

John Higginbotham, former local oil dealer and former member of the board of education, prominent resident of this city for many years and for the past several years a resident of Saco, died Sunday at his home, 259 North street, Saco, following a brief illness.

Mr. Higginbotham established the first supply station for the Gulf Refining company in this city. He was engaged for several years in the oil business, selling oil from house to house and building up a successful business.

He was born in this city, son of John and Elizabeth (Goodier) Higginbotham. He attended the local schools and when quite young went to work in the Pepperell mill, rising to the position of overseer. He held this position for several years and resigned to enter the retail kerosene and gasoline business in this city and Saco.

Mr. Higginbotham was a sports lover, particularly interested in the school teams. He was a familiar figure at all the school games in baseball, basketball and football, traveling for years with the Biddeford high or Thornton academy teams. He was especially devoted to baseball and frequently made trips to attend the major league games. Practically all sports interested him and he maintained this interest to the last. He was also greatly interested in birds, his home in this city and later at his home in Saco having been a gathering place for the birds each summer, where food and water was always liberally supplied. He took pride in the fact that the same birds were annual visitors at his place, and in the varieties of birds which came each year.

He had a host of friends in this city and Saco by whom he was held in high esteem.

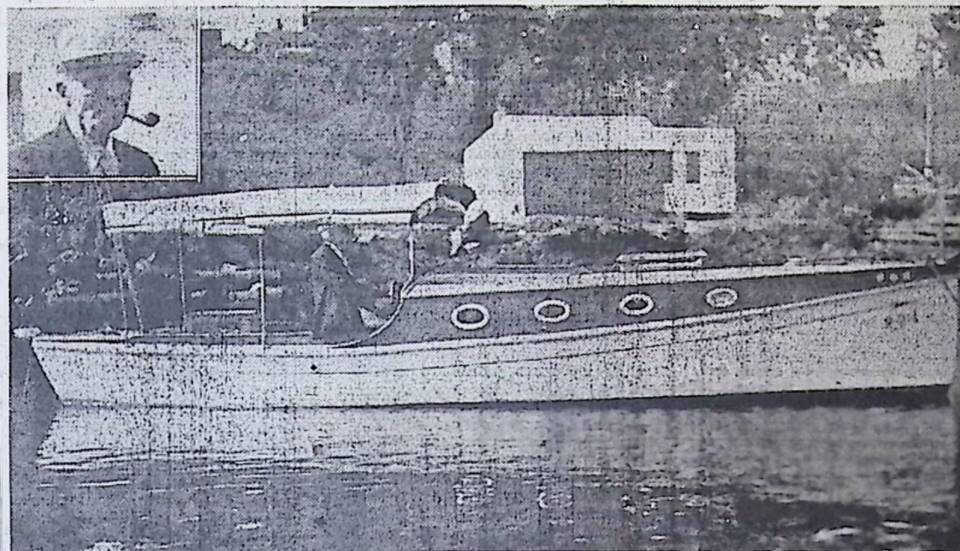
Mr. Higginbotham was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church of Saco, and Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F. of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 865 Main street, Saco, at 8:30 Tuesday afternoon.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Higginbotham, and several nieces and nephews.

JULY 25, 1939.

Veteran Yachtsman Still Enjoys His Craft



Adney J. Fenderson, upper left insert, is one of the oldest active yachtsmen along this section of the coast. After 60 years of motor-boating on the Saco river, Mr. Fenderson is still one of the most active and enthusiastic

members of the Saco Yacht club. He is shown at the wheel of his present boat, Rob, near the Saco Yacht club, as he is about to start on a trip down river.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

AUGUST 29, 1939.

MAJOR F. B. HARRIS DIED IN PORTLAND

War Veteran Dead



MAJOR FRANK HARRIS

Major Frank B. Harris, for several years plant manager for Swift & Company in this city, prominent in civic and military circles here, died Monday at a Portland hospital, following a long illness. He has resided at Fortunes Rocks since his retirement several years ago. His age was 78 years.

Mr. Harris was born in Portland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Harris. He received his education in schools of that city and entered the employ of Swift & Company when a young man.

Major Harris had a long military career. He enlisted in Company G, Biddeford light infantry, on April 28, 1880, and served 10 years, being promoted from private to corporal and sergeant, and was appointed as regimental quartermaster of the First Maine Infantry on June 22, 1890. He served continuously in that office for 17 years.

During the war with Spain he served as brigade quartermaster of the Third Brigade, second division of the Third Army corps at Chickamauga.

He was a past commander of Col. L. H. Kendall camp, No. 1, U. S. W. V., and was a past department commander of the U. S. W. V. of Maine. He retired from the military service December 30, 1910.

Major Harris was one of the last surviving charter members of Mavoshen lodge, Knights of Pythias, and was also affiliated with Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows, the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club, and Dunlap lodge of Masons.

He served as a member of the board of aldermen under Mayor Edward H. Drapeau.

He leaves a son, Lieut. Sidney B. Harris, a daughter, Mrs. Florence I. Clark, both of this city, five grandchildren and a brother, George O. Harris, the latter of Lynn, Mass.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m., at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Friends at Fortunes Rocks were saddened last night when news of the death of Mr. Harris was received. Mr. Harris has been a year-round resident in the Pleasant View Beach section of the Rocks, since his retirement as manager of Swift and Company. Mr. Harris made many friends there and was a good neighbor. His genial manner will be missed by all who knew him and sympathy is extended to the family.

JULY 28, 1939.

Mrs. B. F. Cleaves Died Last Night in Portland

Mrs. Eureka L. Cleaves, 70, wife of Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves, secretary of the Associated Industries of Maine, former resident of this city, died last night at her home, 283 Deering avenue, Portland.

Mrs. Cleaves fell five years ago and sustained a fracture of the hip. Her health has been poor since that time.

She was born in this city, Dec. 5, 1868, the daughter of William A. and Elizabeth Foss. She received her education here and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaves resided here until they went to Portland, 18 years ago.

While living here, Mrs. Cleaves was active in club work and at the First Universalist church. She was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this city and vicinity.

She leaves her husband; one son, Berton H. Cleaves, of Yarmouth, and a brother, William H. Foss, of Providence, R. I.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon at the home. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, in this city.

LEADING CITIZEN DEAD



Frank Cutter Deering.

FRANK C. DEERING LEADING CITIZEN OF SACO DIED TODAY

Frank Cutter Deering, for years head of the J. G. Deering & Son lumber dealers, for a long period prominent in banking circles in Saco and identified with civic and other institutions in that municipality, died at his summer home at Bay View early this morning. His age was 73 years, six months and 15 days.

While Mr. Deering had not enjoyed the best of health for the past few years, he was able to go to the York National bank, of which he was president, nearly every day.

He was born in Saco, the son of Joseph G. and Josephine Neely Deering. He was educated in the Saco schools and after he had finished his education he entered the office of the Joseph G. Deering Lumber company, and later succeeded his father in the business.

Mr. Deering was president of the York National Bank, chairman of the board of the J. G. Deering & Son Lumber Co., president of the Sweetser association, president of the Dyer library board, treasurer of Laurel Hill Cemetery association, trustee of the Bradbury estate, trustee of Thornton academy, a member of the Cumberland club of Portland, a member of the Club of Art Volumes, Boston, Mass., trustee of York Institute. He was a member of the old York County Wheelman's association, and held an honorary degree from Bates

college. He attended the Unitarian church, Saco.

Sorrow was expressed by his lifelong friends and members of the various organizations with which he had long been affiliated, when the news of his passing was learned this forenoon. In bank circles he displayed unimpeached integrity and sturdiness of design, which was characteristic of him. He will be missed by the officials of the Saco National bank with whom he has been so long associated.

Although Mr. Deering was public spirited and active in different circles he was not interested in politics as a politician. He never sought public office, but was induced to run for the legislature and was elected a representative from Saco in 1897. He had also served as city treasurer of Saco.

His valuable services in the bank and as an officer of other organizations with which he was connected, won for him the confidence of his associates. He was deeply interested in the Sweetser home for boys on Moody street, and had served as an officer of that institution for years. As a citizen he was loyal and substantial. He was the type of man that every municipality values highly.

He received an honorary degree from Bates college for historical research a year ago. He was a member of the New England Historical society. He was better acquainted with the early history of

Saco and Biddeford than any other citizen and also had much knowledge on the history of the Pine Tree state.

Mr. Deering had been deeply interested in Thornton academy for a long period. A few years ago he presented the trustees of Thornton academy with a valuable telescope, together with microscopic slides and other instrument apparatus and equipment, which was installed in a newly decorated room at Thornton academy, and dedicated as the Deering scientific laboratory, making a valuable addition to the equipment of the educational institution.

In addition to being a business man, Mr. Deering was an artisan. When he was not at the bank or his lumber office, he was at work in his library.

"Sharp Shots of Great People," by Lettie Stone in a publication some years ago had the following to say about Mr. Deering:

Frank Cutter Deering: Aristocrat; The first definition by Webster of that word is "one of the aristocracy; or people of rank in a community; a noble." No other word describes Frank Deering. Unassuming; completely self-possessed; modest—such possessions are more priceless and to be desired than the vaulted books of unguessable value that repose in his Saco mansion.

Mr. Deering is an artisan. When he is not at his bank, he annotates and extra illustrates—often with pictures he takes himself—his beautifully bound treasure trove. His is the first private library of Americana in America. There are between six and seven thousand books in his home.

Frank Deering is a listener largely. When he speaks it is with alert decision. His head is almost a perfect study of phrenological harmony of intellectuality; sensitivity; firmness and will-power; with the expressive light blue eyes that never miss a movement about him dominating the design.

Mr. Deering possesses the most valuable item in Americana; it is the second book printed in English dealing with America.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Frances Deering, one son, Joseph G. Deering, a daughter, Miss Katherine Deering, and one sister, Mrs. Helen D. Love, wife of Dr. George R. Love, all of Saco, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the summer home at Bay View.

Friends are requested to omit flowers.

Bearers were Ralph Hawkes, Frank Libby, Dr. Fred Graves, C. M. Cheney, Daniel Owen, Winfred Roberts, Howard Cousens, William Goodwin of Pine Point, Judge Harry B. Ayer, Frank Whitehead and Dr. Paul S. Hill, Jr.

Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

AUGUST 11, 1939.

WAS TEACHER FOR 45 YEARS

Georgia A. Staples Died Today After a Long Illness

Miss Georgia A. Staples, eldest daughter of the late Edward W.

and Olga J. Staples, died this morning at her home, 169 West street, following a long illness.

Miss Staples was a woman of much social activity before her illness. She had travelled extensively here and abroad, and was widely known as a teacher both in this city and Saco. She taught all the grades in the Biddeford schools and specialized in mathematics. At the time of her retirement from the Emery school, August 14, 1929, she had taught 45 years.

She was at one time regent of Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and at the time of her death was the only living charter member of this chapter.

Miss Staples was also a past president of the Thursday club and the Biddeford High School Alumni association.

A great sufferer, she bore her illness with great fortitude.

Sympathy was extended to her one surviving sister, Miss Lov Staples, who a year ago lost her other sister, Rose, who was associated with her in business on Main street. A brother, Mott E. Staples, died several years ago.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday at the home, 169 West street.

MAY 24, 1939.

PROMINENT SACO RESIDENT DIED TODAY

Charles L. Bachelder Ill a Short Time from Pneumonia

People in all walks of life were saddened to learn of the death today at the Webber hospital, after a fortnight's illness of pneumonia, of Charles L. Bachelder of 9 Cross street, Saco, for 30 years cashier of the Saco National bank, at one time chief consul of the Maine



CHARLES L. BACHELDER

vision of the League of American Wheelman and active for years in fraternal and civic organizations.

He was taken to the Webber hospital two weeks ago Friday and on Saturday pneumonia developed. He was apparently recovering from the disease and his many friends were quite encouraged.

Last Friday night he suffered an ill turn, since which time he had been gradually sinking. His condition was such on Saturday that it was thought he could not long survive. There was little change in his condition on Monday and Tuesday, although it was seen by hospital attendants that he was growing weaker. The end came this morning at 4.30.

Mr. Bachelder will be greatly missed in the two municipalities, where he had passed the greater part of his life. He was always deeply interested in everything that had to do with the welfare of the twin cities. While he was not a politician and never sought public office, he was always interested in the affairs of city, state and nation. He had served as city treasurer two years.

Through the long years he was connected with the Saco National Bank, he enjoyed the confidence of the officers of the banking institution, and of its patrons. He was a member of half a dozen fraternal organization and will be greatly missed by the Odd Fellows and Masons, and especially by members of Laconia lodge who gathered in the recreational room of the order on Alfred street. He was always genial and companionable and made friends wherever he went. He will also be greatly missed by the members of the York County Wheelmen association, as he always attended the functions and meetings of the organization.

Mr. Bachelder was born in Falmouth, January 10, 1855, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Bachelder. He received his education in the schools of Falmouth, Deering, Westbrook Seminary and attended Gray's Business college. It was in 1876 that he came to this city where he was first employed in the grocery and provision store of C. E. Pillsbury, also in the S. S. Andrews store and later as accountant for the late D. F. Littlefield, commission merchant in Saco.

For 80 years he served as cashier of the Saco National bank and was clerk in the York National bank for two years. He was treasurer of the City of Saco in 1890 and again in 1930. He was a life member and director of the Weber hospital.

He had been active in Odd Fellow and Masonic circles in the two cities for years. He was one of the oldest members of Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows of this city, having joined the lodge 60 years ago. He was a member of York Encampment and Canton J. H. Dearborn Patriarchs Militant. He was a past officer of all three of these organizations. He was treasurer of Canton J. H. Dearborn at the time of his death.

He was a member of Saco lodge of Masons, York Royal Arch Chapter, Maine Council and Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar.

He was treasurer of the York County chapter of the American Red Cross, a trustee of the City of Saco trust fund and treasurer of the Saco Providence association. He was also trustee of the R. L. K. Grant estate.

He was a member of the York County Wheelmen and of the York County Wheelmen association. He served as president of both clubs and was secretary of the association at the time of his death.

He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Fred Palmer of Portland.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2, at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

MAY 2, 1939.

PROMINENT RESIDENT DIED EARLY TODAY

Benjamin Goodier Was Active in Many Circles

Benjamin Goodier, a life-long resident of this city and for years active in business, fraternal, political and church circles, died early this morning at his home, 41 Granite street, following a long illness. His age was 80 years, one month and 27 days.

He was born in this city, son of Benjamin and Maria (Bardsley) Goodier, and received his education in the local schools.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ruby C. Gove, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Charles Murch, both of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. John Higginbottom and Miss Ann Goodier, both of Saco.

For years Mr. Goodier was active in Mavoshen lodge, Knights of Pythias. He was past chancellor and filled many state offices of this order.

He served as chief engineer of the fire department, of which he was also a member for years; served as a member of the old common council and the board of aldermen; was for eight years a member of the board of education, and was an ardent Democrat, serving the party as a leader in ward three and in city committee affairs for many years.

In the old Episcopal church on Bacon street, he was warden and held other church offices, taking an active part in parish affairs.

Mr. Goodier was a member of the old Company G. National Guard, and held several medals for marksmanship in rifle competition.

For 40 years he conducted a tinsmith shop here, retiring several years ago.

He was a well read man, keenly interested in civic events and world news, able to converse easily on many different subjects of interest. He was fond of the outdoors and sports. Mr. Goodier was known to a wide circle of friends, by whom he was held in high esteem.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, 41 Granite street, and will be private. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1939.

E. P. Pingree Died Saturday Night at Beach

E. Parker Pingree, well-known Saco resident, died suddenly Saturday night at his summer home, urday night at his summer home, Old Orchard Beach, 27 Summit street.

He was born in Saco, son of Parsons and Elizabeth (Froelick) Pingree.

He played on the first football

team ever organized at Thornton academy and was outstanding in this and other sports at the academy. For years he was prominent in Saco.

Mr. Pingree held the position of night agent of the American Express Company at the Portland terminal for 30 years, and was a valued employee of that company.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Hartley Bridges, and a granddaughter, Gloria L. Bridges, of Saco.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1939.

JOHN DELORGE DIED SUDDENLY

Stricken Saturday Night at Home on Elm Street

John B. Delorge, former shoe dealer and a well-known and highly-esteemed resident of this city, died suddenly after midnight Sat-



JOHN B. DELORGE

urday night at his home, 284 Elm street. Acute indigestion is believed to have been the cause of death.

Mr. Delorge was around Saturday as usual and appeared to be in good health when he retired, but was stricken shortly after midnight and died in a short time.

He was born in St. Jude, Que., the son of Alexander and Celina Charbonneau Delorge, and came to this city with his parents when six months old.

After leaving school, he entered the employ of the Diamond Match company in this city, and after working there for a time he entered the employ of the John F. Dean shoe store on Main street, where he was employed for 17 years before resigning to open a shoe store of his own in the Shaw block.

He retired from business after conducting this store for several years to take a traveling position. Later, he became a salesman in the ice cream department of his brother's business, the Ed. Delorge Bakery and Ice Cream Co., When

the Hood company took over the ice cream department of the Delorge company, he continued as salesman for that concern and has since been employed by them.

Mr. Delorge was a former member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club and Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, and was active in both organizations for several years. Possessed of much personality, genial and friendly, Mr. Delorge enjoyed a host of friends, locally and through the state. News of his sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends.

Mr. Delorge established an excellent reputation while in business, both as a clerk and in conducting his own business, making many friends in his business contacts through his interest and upright dealings.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ann B. Doyle Delorge; two brothers, Edward and Fred Delorge, of this city; four sisters, Mrs. Emile Perreault, Miss Amanda Delorge, Mrs. Joseph Janson and Mrs. Henri Ayotte, all of this city, and several nieces and nephews.

His age was 57 years.

Funeral services were held at 8 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's church.

Rev. Aurele E. Lemelin was celebrant of a high mass of requiem. A male quartette sang. There was a large attendance. Floral tributes were many and of unusual beauty, indicating the high esteem in which Mr. Delorge was held and the profound sorrow occasioned by his death. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Mary's cemetery. Rev. Anthony C. Fortier conducted prayers at the grave.

Bearers were: Roland and Paul Delorge, Paul and Marcel Allard, Raymond Ayotte and Edgar Garon.

Among those in attendance from outside the city were: John D. Murch and Mrs. Grace Tibbets of New York city; Robert Murch, Orange, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Doyle, the Misses Francis and Shirley Doyle, Melrose, Mass., and Fred Delorge of South Carolina.



ED DELORGE
"Founder of Delorge Bakery"

MAY 24, 1939.

EVERETT M. STAPLES, LOCAL BANKER, DEAD



EVERETT M. STAPLES.

Everett Martell Staples, prominent resident of this city, well-known in banking circles of the state and active in fraternal circles, who was treasurer of the Biddeford Savings Bank until last month, died last night at his home, 40 State street. Death was due to a heart ailment from which he had been ill for the past five months. He recovered sufficiently for a time to return to his duties at the bank, but for the past few weeks his health had been failing again.

Mr. Staples was born in this city, June 10, 1873, the son of Edward W. and Clara (Frisbie) Staples. He was educated in the schools of this city and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1892. While in high school he was active in the high school cadets, a semi-military organization that flourished at the school for seven years. He was a drummer in the Cadet corps, being quite accomplished in that way. Mr. Staples was also interested in athletics while at high school, and maintained this interest through life, lending assistance to high school athletics several times and he was one of the leading workers in a movement to make a suitable field available for the school teams, and showing an interest in other ways in the school teams. He also maintained his interest in military affairs after leaving school, frequently attending drills of the local military companies.

a past commander of Dunlap lodge and a past commander of Bradford Commandery, also serving in several other offices of the order. In Masonic circles he was well known through the state. He served as president of the Biddeford and Saco Coal company, as treasurer of Greenwood Cemetery association, and a member of the executive board of the Maine Savings Bank association, and also was active in several other organizations at various times. Keenly interested in civic matters, Mr. Staples gave his assistance to many projects conducted in the city.

Active for several years in politics, Mr. Staples served in several minor offices and for several years served as a member of the board of assessors.

He was a man of pleasing personality, made scores of friends in a business and social way and was held in particularly high esteem by a legion of friends in the city and vicinity.

For several years, Mr. Staples was active in the Second Congregational church, serving as treasurer of the parish for a long time and in other church offices.

Shortly after leaving high school he entered the dry goods business in the store of the late James G. C. Smith. After working there for a time, he entered business for himself, purchasing the Howard Hamilton store in Union block. He conducted that store until 1914 when he entered the Biddeford Savings bank as assistant treasurer. About seven years ago he was

appointed treasurer of that bank to succeed his brother, the late Lytton E. Staples, when the latter retired.

At the time of his death Mr. Staples was vice president of the Biddeford Savings Bank. He retired March 1 from the position as treasurer because of ill health.

News of the death of Mr. Staples was received with profound sorrow in business circles today, and to his many friends in other walks of life.

He leaves his wife; a son, Bradford E. Staples, and two daughters, Mrs. Martha B. Saulnier and Miss Natalie A. Staples, all of this city; two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Quimby of Saco and Miss Lillie A. Staples; a brother, Harold J. Staples, treasurer of the York County Savings bank, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A public funeral will be held. Friends may also call at the home on State street, from 12 to 1 o'clock Friday noon.

NOVEMBER 14, 1939.

PROMINENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES HERE

Death of C. J. Murphy Brought Sorrow to Many Friends

A host of friends in this city and vicinity were occasioned profound sorrow Monday afternoon through the sudden death of Charles James Murphy, 67, proprietor of the music store in City building. Mr. Murphy was stricken at his store shortly after noon and taken to the hospital in an ambulance. He died within a short time after arriving at the hospital.

Mr. Murphy was prominent in musical circles through the state for several years. He was a musical director and violin instructor. For a long time he directed the Aeolian orchestra in this city, which became quite a famous musical organization in dance and concert work through the county. His interest in music he maintained long after he ceased to be actively associated with orchestra work.

He conducted the music store, located in City building, for many years, building up a successful business in music and musical instruments, to which he added bicycles and other lines.

A man of retiring disposition, Mr. Murphy was never actively identified with politics in the city, although he always expressed a keen interest in civic affairs. He had a host of friends in the city and vicinity by whom he was held in the highest of esteem. He made many friends through his business contacts. For several years he took an active interest in affairs of St. Marys parish and in the Holy Name society and Knights of Columbus.

He was born in this city, the son of James and Joanna Collins Murphy, and was educated in the local schools and attended Biddeford high.

He was prominent as a member of the old Emmetts Literary society of this city and took

part with that society in many of their musical and other activities.

He leaves his wife, Julia A. Murphy, two sons, Charles, Jr., and Joseph, two daughters, Eileen and Margaret, the latter a registered nurse residing in Boston, two brothers, Edward Murphy, Sanford, and Daniel, of this city, and two sisters, Miss Frances M. Murphy, a member of the Biddeford high faculty, and Miss Ellen Murphy of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, at St. Marys church.

APRIL 22, 1939.

A WHILE BACK

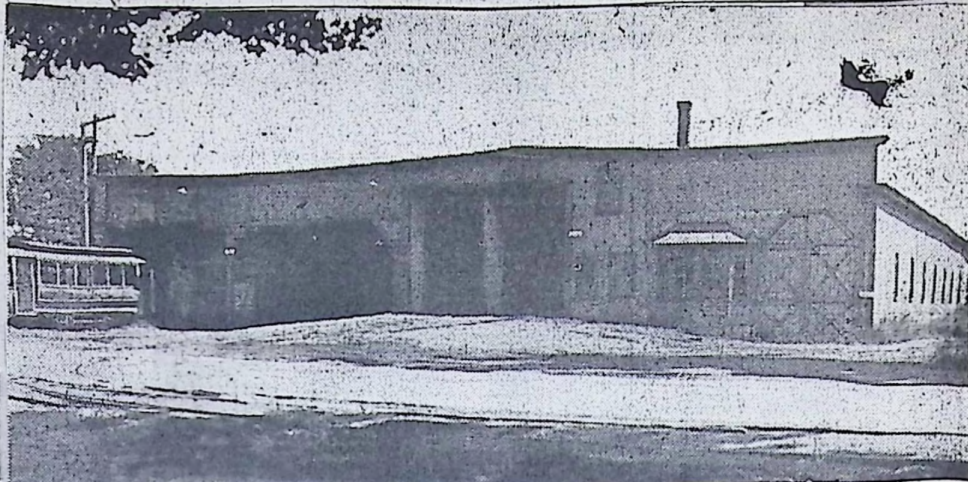


Do you know him? This picture was taken about 35 years ago, when he was 31 years old. We do not like to give these dates, but he glories in the fact that he is enjoying the best of health. He says he has carved and served more beef, pork and lamb than any man in the two cities. His services have been in great demand in many cities and towns in York and Cumberland counties. If you cannot guess, turn to page 3 for the answer.

A WHILE BACK

Solution: Irving N. Whitier of Kossuth street. If you want to get a good description of Biddeford in the early days, Irving is the man to see and hear. He has a wonderful memory. His favorite pastime is fishing. From his garden on Kossuth street he produces the best kind of bait and always knows the brook to fish. His many friends can attest to the quality for he is generous to a fault. In describing the place he says it is "over there," but would tell you the real place to go if pressed.

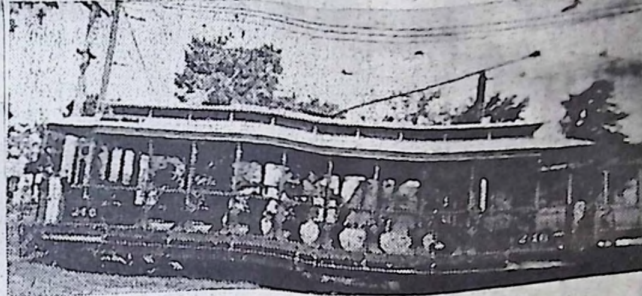
"Dick" says if all the cows, pigs and sheep that he has carved could be in a parade it would be over 10 miles in length. 118



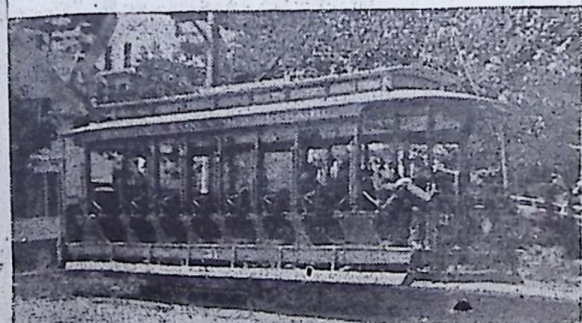
Car barns—A 50 year Landmark to be razed



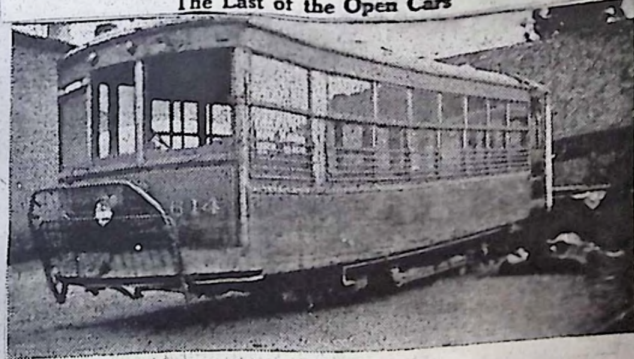
Horse cars used 1888—1893



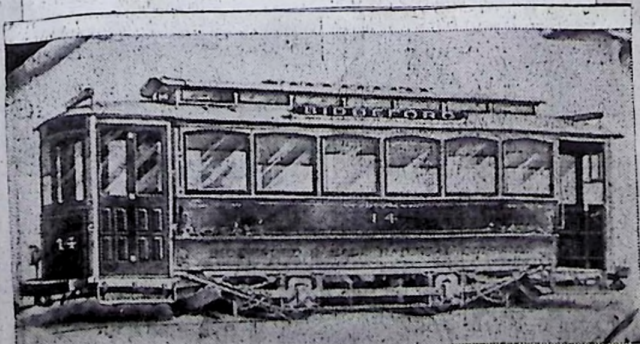
The Last of the Open Cars



Open Single Truck Car 1899—1919



One Man Car 1919—1939



Hand Brake Box Car 1899—1920

NOVEMBER 8, 1939.

MRS. SUSAN AYER DIED TODAY AT HOME IN SACO

Mrs. Susan (Bacon) Ayer, wife of Judge of Probate Harry B. Ayer, died this morning at her home, 15 Nott street, Saco, following a long illness.

She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. She resided in this city for several years before moving to Saco.

Mrs. Ayer was a member of one of the oldest Biddeford families. Her grandfather was Dr. Horace Bacon, prominent physician here, who lived on Main street in the house now occupied by Christopher Prescott. She was graduated from the high school in this city in 1884.

When health permitted, she attended the Congregational church.

While Judge Ayer was register of probate, before becoming judge, Mrs. Ayer assisted him with his work at the probate office in Alfred. In that way she became known to leading lawyers throughout the county and many parts of the state.

Mrs. Ayer as a member of Alfred grange and Adah chapter, Eastern Star. She was active for years in these and church circles, and to a large circle of friends through the county and help in high esteem.

She is survived by her husband. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed today.

NOVEMBER 10, 1939.

SERVICE FOR MRS. AYER HELD AT HOME TODAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Susan Bacon Ayer, wife of Probate Court Judge Harry B. Ayer of York county, were held Friday afternoon from her home, 15



MRS. SUSAN B. AYER.

Nott street Saco. The high esteem in which she was held was shown by the large number of friends who called between 12 and 1 o'clock. They were from all over

the county as Mrs. Ayer was associated with her husband while he was register of probate, before he became judge, during which time leading lawyers from York and Cumberland counties came in contact with her professionally.

Private services were conducted at 1.30 at the home by Rev. Ward R. Clarke, pastor of the Saco Unitarian church. The bearers were Judge Ayer's brothers, Fred J. Ayer, Saco, Frank P. Ayer, Bangor, Leon M. Ayer, Cornish, and Lester C. Ayer, Portland. Interment was at Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Mrs. Ayer was descended from one of the oldest families in York county. Her grandfather, Dr. Horace Bacon, was a leading physician during Civil war days, and played such a prominent part in the development of Biddeford that Bacon street, now a leading business street, was named for him. He was one of the charter members of Pavilion church, which building is now the McArthur library. Mrs. Ayer's mother, Mrs. Mary Bacon, was also a charter member of the same church and Mrs. Ayer during her girlhood days was an active worker in the society which then was the most influential in the two cities.

During her early married life Mrs. Ayer lived in the Dr. Bacon residence on Main street, Biddeford, removing to Saco a decade ago, where for the past few years she had been a confirmed invalid.

Mrs. Ayer who was descended from Revolutionary ancestry, was a member of Alfred grange, P. of H., and Adah chapter, O. E. S.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1939.

Dr. F. C. Lord, Jr., Doing Graduate Work at Harvard



DR. FREDERICK C. LORD, JR.

Dr. Frederick C. Lord, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Lord of Saco, has begun a year's graduate course in oral surgery at Harvard university. He is also planning to continue his internship at the Boston Dispensary hospital, where he has been located since graduating from Tufts dental school and having passed both the Maine and Massachusetts state board examinations.

NING, OCTOBER 27, 1939.

IS 92-YEAR-OLD TODAY



CHARLES E. ATWOOD.

Former local postmaster and engaged in business locally for many years, who is now residing in Kennebunk. Mr. Atwood is still active and a frequent visitor to this city.

APRIL 27, 1940.

Owen F. Shields Died Suddenly In Boston

Owen F. Shields, 71, well-known Saco resident, collapsed in the Boston Garden last night during one of the preliminary bouts to the Armstrong-Junior show. He died in a dressing room shortly after suffering the attack. His son, Fred H., who had accompanied him to Boston, was with him at the time.

Mr. Shields came here from Lawrence, Mass., several years ago and was employed by local fresh meat concerns, after which he engaged in business for himself, conducting a wholesale meat business. For a time Mr. Shields and his wife, who died a few years ago, conducted the Kings Tavern on the Pine Point road. Later he had been with his son, Fred H. Shields, who conducts a wholesale meat business in Saco as Ted Shields, Inc.

He had been residing at the home of Ralph Whitten in Saco.

Mr. Shields was active in the Knights of Columbus council in this city for several years before moving to Saco. He was a member of the New England Fat Men's club, weighing about 350 pounds. A few years back Mr.

Shields, who was unusually strong on his feet for such a heavy man, often surprised gatherings at the society outings and field days by his remarkable ability in a 100 yard dash. He was popular among a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity.

In conversation with a local man yesterday at the shop in Saco, Mr. Shields was recounting old times and made the statement that he was the last one of the old goup, in which he was active who was still living.

The body will be brought to this city and taken to the home of W. A. Cosgrove, 65 South street. It was not known today whether or not the body would arrive here and be prepared for burial before Monday. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed today.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1940.

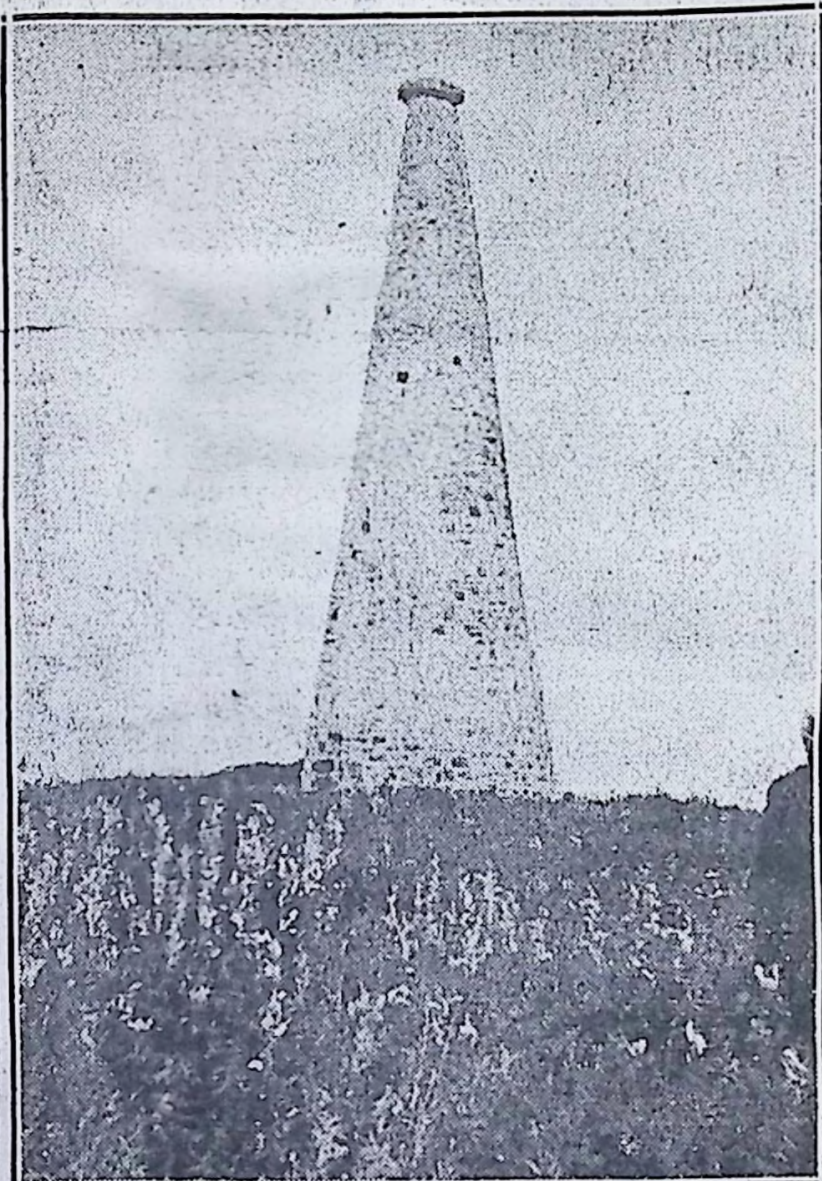
Former Saco Resident Dead

Ward has been received of the death of Frank Lowell of Brockton, Mass., a former Saco resident, and son of the late Thomas Dorcas (Merrill) Lowell. He died at the age of 72, after a lengthy illness.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. C. H. Norton of Brockton, and Mrs. John Lacy of Saco.

Funeral services were held in Brockton and burial was at Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco.

Built By Three Portland Men



Stone Monument On Stag Island At The Mouth Of The Saco River.

Stag Island Marker Built In 1825 Keeps On Showing The Way

Recently the Saco Yacht Club held its annual field day and clambake at Monument or Stag Island at the mouth of the river. It is an interesting cruise down the river from the club float to Wood Island. About the first interesting landmark that is passed is the spindle which marks a ledge only about half a mile distant from the clubhouse.

It is not generally known but this spindle is a piece of the main shaft of the English steamship Bohemian which was wrecked Feb. 22, 1864, near Trundy's Reef on the Cape Elizabeth shore. For many years there was a cage on top of the shaft built by Mark Prime and Uranus Stacy of Biddeford. That was later wrecked and rebuilt.

The Saco River has another aid to navigation that has a direct Portland interest. It is the great white monument as a day mark more than a century ago. Navigators complained that it was difficult getting in and out of the Saco River as there was nothing particularly prominent near the river's mouth by which they could shape their courses.

In 1825 a contract to build a monument on Stag Island was awarded three Portland bricklayers and stone masons—Benjamin Bailey, John Leavitt and John Lowell. The walls were to be four feet thick at

the base of the hollow shaft, of split undressed stone set in good lime mortar. Those walls were gradually to taper and diminish in thickness to two feet at the apex of the 60-foot tower. Evidently the flat cap of thick gray stone was put on for good measure as it was not mentioned in the contract.

The monument was not to be completed without tragedy. When it had reached a height of 54 feet a part of the foundation which had not been built of solid stone gave way and the structure crashed. Lowell and three workmen went with it. He was killed instantly and the men were seriously injured but eventually recovered. The surviving contractors had to rebuild the shaft

and they were paid only the original contract price of \$1200. They petitioned the government for reimbursement because of their great financial loss to the toppling of their early efforts. There is no record however, that the petition was ever granted.

Walk At Low Tide

Stag Island has been visited by many vacationists and summer folks this past season. Although it is a barren island so far as trees go it is richly carpeted with grasses and is a particularly sightly spot. At low tide there is a period of three or four hours when one may comfortably walk across the sand from the Hills Beach mainland.

(The monument is a spooky sort

of a place inside. Entrance is through a five foot opening left in the solid masonry. After one's eyes become accustomed to the gloomy heavy cross timbers overhead. Sheep were once pastured on Stag Island and they frequently sought the shelter of this damp little sanctuary at the base of the monument.

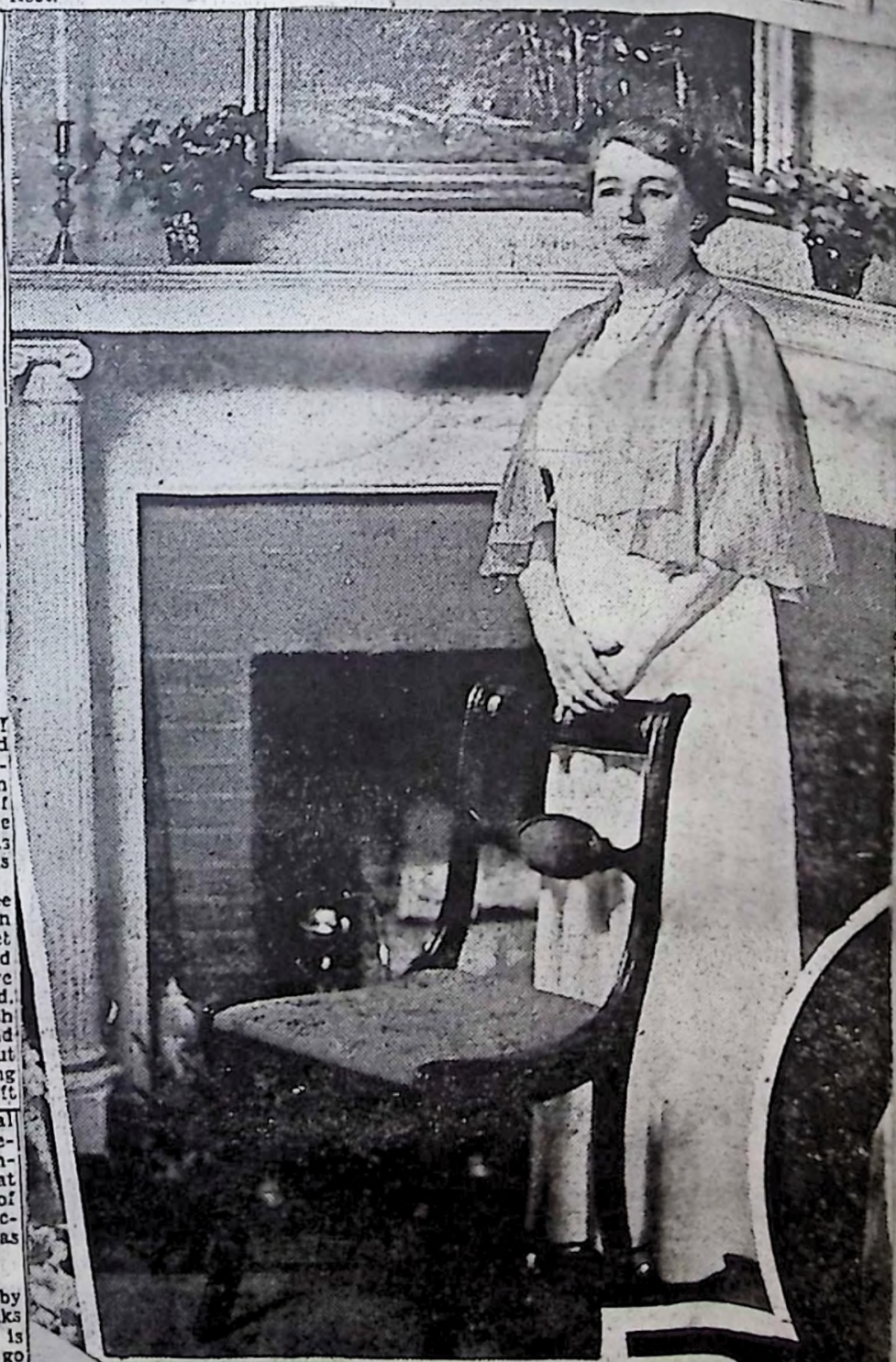
The builders obtained all the stone they used within a few hundred feet of their work and today 114 years later one may see the flat places on the Stag Island shore showing where great slabs were blasted out and split for suitable material. About 20 years ago stagings were raised from the ground to the top of the tower and masons filled in all the chinks and crevices where the ravages of time had resulted in the original mortar falling out. It was also freshly painted but it could stand another good coat today.

At the west end of the island one may plainly make out the grass grown depressions of what was once the cellar and foundation of a house. Although not even a fisherman's shanty or bait house stands on Stag Island today 65 years or so ago a comfortable double house was located there. It was occupied by two fishermen, brothers, and their families, back in the days when Winter Harbor was alive with the vessels of the herring and mackerel fleet.

AUGUST 1, 1939.



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CLARK WAKEFIELD



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OCTOBER 26, 1939.

WELL-KNOWN CONTRACTOR DIED TODAY

**Clark Wakefield Was
Highly Esteemed
Resident**

Clark Wakefield, life-long resident of this city and prominent citizen, died this morning at his home, 497 Elm street. His age was 85 years, two months and 18 days. He had been retired from business for several years.

Mr. Wakefield was engaged in the roofing business for a great many years, building an extensive business that has been carried on since his retirement by his son. He established an enviable reputation for business integrity and expertness in his work, handling practically all of the larger contracts in this work done locally and through this section of the state in his business dealings.

Although not active in politics, Mr. Wakefield was greatly interested in the civic activities and

leaders in many of the activities of the city. He was held in particularly high esteem among his neighbors and in church circles in which he was quite active when health permitted.

Mr. Wakefield was born in this city, son of Mark and Mary (Clark) Wakefield, and had always resided here.

He leaves two sons, Rev. Mark H. Wakefield of Farmington Falls, and Ezra C. of this city; two daughters, Elizabeth B. Wakefield and Mrs. C. Millard Neal, all of this city; also three grandchildren, Mrs. F. K. Stuart, Raymond C. Wakefield and Miss Betty Neal, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the home on Elm street, Saturday morning at 10.30 and burial will be in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1939.

WHEELMEN HELD REUNION

**Tribute Is Paid by
Judge Cleaves to
F. C. Deering**

At the annual reunion and dinner of the York County Wheelmen's association, held last night at Cascade lodge, Saco, Alton M. Seavey of Saco was elected president and treasurer. C. Wilson Place was elected as secretary.

Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves of Portland, secretary for the Associated Industries of Maine, formerly of this city, was speaker. Judge Cleaves spoke on the late Frank C. Deering, who has been host of the club at these annual reunions for many years. He said that Mr. Deering was a strong man who left a lasting impression in the circles in which he had been active.

It was reported that seven members of the association had died during the past year.

Dinner was served, followed by the speaking programme and general sociability.

Those present were: Arthur W. Andrews, Frederick P. Abbott, Leon F. Quimby, Reading Mass.; C. S. Foss, C. Wilson Place, George D. Buck, James L. Burnham, Harry P. Chadbourne, Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves, Alton M. Seavey, Harry C. Calderwood, W. W. McIntyre, Howard M. Jones, Fred W. Sawyer, John F. Dean, Justus B. Cobb, Percy S. Davis, Herbert H. Davis, Wm. R. Cutter, F. H. Deering and C. E. Skilling.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1940

Almon Hill Died Today

**Death Followed
Brief Illness**

Almon H. Hill, custodian of the McArthur library building for the past few years and a prominent resident of this city for the past 40 years, died at his home, 55 Graham street, Monday evening, following a brief illness. He was stricken ill while at his work several days ago and was removed to his home where his

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Co-Chairman For Concert Drive



Mrs. R. Pierpont Jordan of Saco, who, with Mrs. Charles K. Fenderson of Saco, is co-chairman for the Biddeford and Saco district in the membership drive of the Portland Community Concerts Association to be conducted this week.



ALMON H. HILL.

condition has been serious since that period. His age was 71 years.

Mr. Hill was born in Dayton, the son of Almon H. and Mary Pike Hill. When a young man

he learned the steamfitter's occupation and for over 40 years was employed at the Peppermills before retiring. He served as a member and also as a captain of one of the companies of the Biddeford fire department for a long time. He was a man who possessed a most genial disposition which earned for him numerous new friends when he journeyed. He was most active as an officer and member of the following organizations, which he held membership many years: Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M., York chapter, Bracon Commandery, Knights Templar, Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows and Evangeline Lodge of Rebekahs. He was also a member of the White church of this city.

Besides his widow, Mrs. E. Hill, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ralph B. Grace of Everett, Mass., Mrs. Charles R. Forester and Miss Esther Hill, Biddeford, also a sister, Mrs. Herman Tower, Plymouth, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at his late home 55 Graham street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SERVICE FOR FORMER MAYOR HORIGAN HELD Large Attendance at St. Marys Church This Morning

A solemn requiem high mass was sung at St. Marys church this morning at the funeral service for Cornelius Horigan, former mayor of this city, who died Thursday.

The church was crowded for the services by a representative gathering of citizens from various circles of business and professional life and others in which Mr. Horigan had been active, and members of the parish. The great number and beauty of the floral tributes was an indication of the high place held by Mr. Horigan in the esteem of the citizens of this city, Saco and elsewhere throughout the state.

Rev. John A. Driscoll, P. R., officiated at the mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers Cummings and Henderson, his assistants in the parish. Members of the church choir sang for the mass.

Active bearers were: Attorney Thomas F. Locke, John J. Dunn, Maurice P. O'Connor, from Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, County Attorney Robert B. Heidel and Joseph F. Curtis.

Honorary bearers were Daniel Owen and Robert M. Moore of the McArthur Library association; M. Harry Whelan and John P. Deering from the Webber Hospital association; Oscar G. Hanson and Daniel Doherty from the Biddeford Improvement company; William E. Shaw, Carlos McKenney, Ferdinand O. Bouthillette and Sidney A. Staples from the Biddeford Building association; Mayor Arthur J. Remillard, City Treasurer F. H. Mitchell, City Clerk Armand Duquette, William D. Beety, president of the city council, and other city officials, representing the city government, and other delegations from the circles in which Mr. Horigan was active and attended.

Ushers at the church were from the Holy Name society of St. Marys parish, including President William Acton, Daniel L. Carey, Franklin Flanagan and Theodore Kearney.

Among the relatives in attendance from outside this city were James Horan and Francis Horan, formerly of this city, and Nellie Hyland of Peabody, Mass.

The flag on city building has been at half-staff in respect to the memory of Mr. Horigan since his death on Thursday.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Marys cemetery.

MAY 17, 1940.

M. McIntire Dead at York

Melville McIntire, 72, for the past 25 years field agent for the Maine Department of Agriculture in gypsy moth control, died at York last night. A widow and a brother, Harman McIntire, of Manchester, N. H., survive.

DECEMBER 4, 1939.

A. E. LIBBY, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, DEAD

Ranks of the Civil war veterans here were reduced to three by the death Saturday night at his home, 14 Summer street, Saco, of Alphonso E. Libby, for years a



ALPHONSO LIBBY.

prominent figure in Grand Army circles, who has been ill for a long time. Although he had been restricted to his home for some time, his death came rather suddenly.

Mr. Libby was a native of Gorham, son of Samuel and Rosalia (Lombard) Libby. He was born November 1, 1846. When 16 years of age, after several attempts, he finally enlisted in the service of the United States and was assigned to Company F., 25th Maine Light Infantry volunteers, on September 12, 1862. He continued in service up to July 11, 1863, when he received his honorable discharge. He saw a lot of service during the war.

He was employed in the Pepperell mills in this city as a time-keeper in the construction department and finished work there when he met with an accident which resulted in the fracturing of one of his legs.

Later Mr. Libby, resided for a time in Portland and he served for a time as superintendent of schools in Gorham.

He was a member of Sheridan post, G. A. R., of this city and served for 15 years as commander of the G. A. R. post and chairman of their Memorial Day committee for the same number of years. He took a deep interest in the post and patriotic activities in this city and Saco.

Mr. Libby married Miss Victoria Hill December 24, 1870, and they lived on Alfred street in this city. During the Civil war the mother of Mrs. Libby carried on a millinery store on Main street in this city. They resided in Gorham for a time, where Mr. Libby operated a large dairy farm and delivered milk in this

city and Saco before retiring several years ago.

Mr. Libby was an active member of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, and served as a deacon of the parish many years. He was one of the oldest members of Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows in this city.

He leaves a daughter, Miss Thomasina Libby, R. N. of Saco; a son Richard A. Libby; two grandchildren, Mrs. Marion Cousens and Priscilla Libby, Saco, and several great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held at the home, 14 Summer street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and will be strictly private. Friends may call between 12 and 1 o'clock.

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Monday Morning, May 20, 1940

Saco Woman Is Honor Guest



Photo By Warren

Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Saco, distinguished guest at the 15th annual Mother's Day program Saturday at the University of New Hampshire, decorating the guidon of Battery G of the undergraduate ROTC regiment of which her son, Burton Mitchell, is cadet colonel.

Mitchell is standing with his mother while at the right are Guidon Bearer William Fitzsimmons of Keene, N. H., and Cadet Capt. John Worden of Hinsdale, N. H.

JANUARY 2, 1940.

JOHN BUCK WELL-KNOWN SACO RESIDENT, DEAD

John Buck, 76, a former Saco street commissioner, and for many years road commissioner of district two, died at his home on the Shadagee road, Sunday, after a long illness.

He was born at Saco, the son of James I. and Phebe Bean Buck. He was educated in the Saco schools. He was a farmer.

He is survived by two sons, James C. and Chester H. Buck, both of Saco, and a grandson, Wilfred Buck.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. today at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

APRIL 12, 1941.

Fred C. Goodwin, Former Local Resident, Dead

Fred C. Goodwin, former resident of this city, died in Penns-grove, N. J., after a long illness, according to word received here, this forenoon.

Mr. Goodwin was connected with the Biddeford and Saco Coal company here for several years, also the Ocean pier at Old Orchard Beach.

He leaves a daughter, Kate R. Goodwin, of Hartford, Conn., and a son, Robert Goodwin, of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Tuesday at the chapel in Laurel Hill cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

Mr. Goodwin has been employed with the Dupont company for many years and recently retired.

NOVEMBER 16, 1939.

WORKERS IN RED CROSS ROLL CALL



R. PIERPONT JORDAN



MILTON S. ATKINSON.



REV. WARD E. CLARKE.



REV. FRANCIS McPARTLAND.



MRS. LLOYD WALKER.

OCTOBER 16, 1939.

DANIEL E. OWEN DIED SUDDENLY

Was Prominent as a
Teacher and in Bank
Circles

Daniel E. Owen, 71, former member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, prominent in banking circles here, died suddenly at his home on Cherry Lane Saturday night, following a heart attack.

He was born in Saco, April 30, 1868, the son of the late George F. and Annie Littlefield Owen. His father was a former mayor of Saco.

Mr. Owen received his early education in the public schools of Saco and was graduated from the old Saco high school. He was also graduated from Bowdoin college in the class of 1889.

He first taught sciences at Thornton academy during the E. P. Sampson principalship. After resigning at Thornton he was elected to a position at the Wil-

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April 28, 1939

Benj. F. Spofford, Past Grand Sachem Of Maine Red Men, Dies At Beach

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Old Orchard Beach, April 27—Benjamin F. Spofford, a past Grand Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men in Maine, and for many years engaged in the laundry business in Biddeford and Saco, died at his home on Union Avenue today following an illness of several months.

Mr. Spofford was born at Buxton, Nov. 26, 1871, the son of Samuel F. and Abbie Lane Spofford. He received his early education in the schools of Bar Mills and when a young man he obtained employment in a laundry, later engaging in business for himself.

He was a charter member of Squando Tribe of Red Men, Biddeford and filled many important offices of that tribe, and later served in many offices of the Great Council before being elected to the office of Great Sachem. He was the principal organizer of Hute Tribe of Old Orchard Beach. He was a past grand knight of Bishop Fenwick Council, Knights of Columbus, Saco, a past president of the Maine Laundrymen's Association. He was also highly affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose.

He served as member of the choir of St. Mary's Church, Biddeford, Most Holy Trinity Church, Saco, and in late years as a member of the choir of St. Mary's Church, Old Orchard Beach.

Besides his wife he leaves two



Benjamin F. Spofford

sons, Hugh Spofford of Biddeford, Franklyn Spofford of Saco; a daughter, Alfreda Spofford, of Old Orchard Beach and a brother, William of Los Angeles.

The funeral will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Saturday at 9 a. m.

liam Penn Charter school in Philadelphia. He served there for some time and then accepted a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his A. M. degree at Bowdoin in 1892 and a Ph. D. degree at University of Pennsylvania in 1903.

After retiring several years ago he came to this city to make his home.

While a resident of Saco he served the city in both branches of the city government.

As one of his outstanding gifts to his home town he compiled a book on "Old Times in Saco." He made many valuable contributions to this book and made many original investigations for his volume. He was also engaged as a writer for the Old Orchard Sea Shell, a paper published for the summer months.

He was a trustee of the Biddeford Savings bank, a trustee of the Robert McArthur estate, president of the McArthur Library association, and a director of the Masonic building association.

Mr. Owen leaves a widow, Jane McArthur Owen.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home in Cherry Lane.

Friends unable to attend the funeral service may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

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SPARKS.

Noyes '88, is studying short-hand and type-writing.

The latest mystery is, how did that plank walk come there?

The ball club are thinking of joining the Maine State High School League.

Lane thinks that "girls are always various and mute." This is not in harmony with the prevailing idea of them.

It is getting about time to shed your overshoes. Ours, slightly damaged by water, are now offered for sale cheap.

Webber and Bryant, '90, have been elected by the ball club, change battery, and are now undergoing a rigid test on the common.

Owing to a special contract with Uncle Sam, we are now able to deliver the GRINDSTONE by mail to subscribers without extra cost. Now is the time to subscribe.

At a meeting of the High School Tennis Club, on Monday the 19th., three new members were elected, namely: Andrews '87, Nickerson '88, and Noyes '88. It was voted to allow no one to join who does not possess a racket. Look out, Simpson!

Also to allow girls to join by paying the yearly dues, 25 cts., only.

We wish to remove the *Biddeford Daily Times* from our exchange list, on account of the wrong we received from that paper concerning one of our editorials. We are not acquainted with "O. T. G.," whom the *Times* mentions, neither are we going to hide our editorial heads by signing false initials to our small thoughts.

Below we give the new fields of labor entered upon by those who have been snatched from our midst by the whirl of this busy world.

Our friend Emmons '88, the enterprising poultry dealer, has decided to give his whole attention to his immense business.

"Farmer" Deering '90, is now rusticating in the rural districts among heifers, hogs and hoes.

"Guv'ner" Pray '90, has been engaged on Elm Farm as manager—of the hens and roosters.

"Tiptoe" Andrews, while performing his duties as chief decorator and designer in the Unitarian Church for Easter Sunday, became infatuated with Nature's beautiful agricultural productions, and soon afterwards announced his intention of attending the Maine State Agricultural College at Orono.

DECEMBER 4, 1939.

W. L. JELLESon DIED TODAY

Daniel L. Jelleson, well-known resident of this city, died Monday morning after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Jelleson was born in this city on Sullivan street, May 13, 1858, son of Judge Abel H. Jelleson and Sarah Dudley Jelleson. He was graduated from the Biddeford high school.

After his graduation he entered the employ of John Berry the druggist, and later he was of the firm of A. H. Jelleson and Son, grocers, on Water street.

On the death of his father he went to Boston to work, first as a

clerk in the store of S. S. Pierce and Co., later as assistant cashier in the freight department of the Boston and Maine railroad in

Charlestown, Mass., where he remained for many years.

After a year spent in California, in company of his wife, Jennie B. Jelleson, who died only a few months ago, he returned to Maine to live, passing his remaining days in Portland and Biddeford.

He was for a time in the employ of W. E. Youland and Co.

He was a member of the Masonic body and of other organizations and was one of the oldest members of Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. He was also an attendant of the White church.

A man of unusually sociable qualities and of sterling integrity and helpfulness he enjoyed the friendship and high esteem of peo-

ple in the two cities and in Portland.

Mr. Jelleson leaves one son, Harold P. Jelleson, of this city, three nephews, Philip C. Staples of Philadelphia, John and Frank Sta-

ples of Lynn, Mass., and a cousin, Mrs. Fannie L. Smart, of this city.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 at the home, 112 Graham street, and will be private. Friends may call between 12 and 1.

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HISTORIC SCAMMAN MUG



Highly-Valued Relic of Indian Days, Owned in Saco.
—Biddeford Journal Photo.

Under the Blue

—BY—

EVERARD JORDAN COVE

Down through the drift of the years, a bit of flotsam on the tides of time, has come to us, of this far-away day, the Humphrey Scamman mug, one of the most interesting and certainly best known and most romantic objects of early Saco river history to survive the vicissitudes of time. As I looked on its glistening form at the home of William L. Elmer in Saco, held it gingerly—it had been appraised at 200 good dollars—in my hands, it did not seem possible it was the same mug of which I had heard and read so much that it had almost come to be a thing of mythological origin. And then, suddenly, I knew it had not only existed once on a time, but that it still exists, for was it not listed in the estate of Mrs. Winona M. Elmer, wife of Mr. Elmer, who died the fourth of December, last. But for the kindly thoughtfulness of Miss Mary A. Bradbury, the Saco attorney who is settling Mrs. Elmer's estate, and who called it to my attention, I had missed it altogether, as I gathered the following account of its history.

Thrilled beyond belief by the thought, a few days ago I hastened to the Elmer home where I was most hospitably received.

"—And would they show me the Scamman mug?" "Most certainly."

Fulfilling the request called for but the opening of a closet door, the taking of a few steps, and there it was—the Humphrey Scamman mug, in the flesh and blood, as it were. There it sat on a table before me. I touched it caressingly. Yes, it was real.

As I looked, the tide of nearly two and a half centuries was swept back for me. I saw the spot where I stood, an almost wilderness. I could hear the roar of the Saco falls as they drove untroubled to the ocean. I saw a small settlement clustered around them, with other scattered houses along the shores of the river as it wended its way to the sea. As I looked, in my mind's eye, I saw trees.

Magnificent trees of pine and oak and elm. Trees that had never known the scourge of an axe. And then I saw the humble Scamman home, far down the limpid Saco toward the sea. I saw the

boy, Samuel, setting forth with a mug—the very mug I was looking at, touching, could it be possible?—filled with beer, so thoughtfully provided by Mrs. Scamman. I saw Samuel as he trudged down to the marsh where his father, Humphrey, and another man were at work. I saw the frightened look in his eyes as he spied the Indians lurking in the edge of the woods. I saw him turn hastily and run back toward home and mother, always tenaciously clinging to the cherished mug. I saw him, wide-eyed as he told that mother the Indians were coming. Saw him place the mug carefully on the dresser. Then came the Indians. Wild, fierce, with painted faces and limbs glistening with applications of bear's grease. Heard their war whoops. Saw them as they stomped into the home, where they smashed the furniture, emptied the feathers from the beds. And then I saw them as they carried Mrs. Scamman and the boy Samuel away, later capturing Mr. Scamman and his helper and carrying all off to captivity in Canada.

Then a year passed and I saw them back at Saco. Saw them as they later returned to their home, wondering what they would see. Heard the exclamations of joy as they found it standing just as they

had left it. Even the family cat came out to greet them, having been the home's only occupant during that year. I saw them enter to find everything undisturbed. I even heard Samuel exclaim: "Why mother, there's the old mug!"

Yes, there it was, as Samuel had told, and there it was setting before me now. Once again, could it be possible? I was minded to glance over my shoulder. I felt there must be at least one Indian there. And yet, I knew there was none. But I know there were Indian spirits. I felt the room was full of them.

As I looked, I saw that time had dealt kindly with the old mug. It looked ancient and yet it looked almost as fresh and bright as when fashioned by the English potters so many years ago. Save for a small nick and crack it was unmarked by time. Of alternate stripings of buff and violet and blue, with medallion of King William at the front, it shone as if coated with glass, the result of skillful firing. It is also a real mug as to size. Holding a quart and a half, it looks not unlike an overgrown "schooner". Those were the days when they raised real men, and when they called for a mug of beer, they demanded a real mug, and they got it, if it was served in the Scamman relic.

The mug came to its present possessors by the Moody line. Back, many years ago, Elizabeth Scamman married William Pepperell Moody. With her came the historic mug. Through the years and varying names it has come until now we find it at the Elmer home, Mrs. Elmer, whose death occurred December 4, last, having inherited it from her parents, Joseph S. and Mary Wakefield Moody. Of the present owners there are William L. Elmer, who married Winona Norris Moody, in 1899, and their son, William M. Elmer.

An interesting sidelight was thrown on the mug by a story in the Dover Gazette and Strafford Advertiser of August 11, 1855, which devoted nearly three front-

page columns to its history, mostly fanciful. It was written by one Seba Smith who apparently did not hesitate to draw on his imagination to make a good story. This old paper is in possession of the Elmers, who kindly placed it at my disposal.

I understand the mug is for sale, and it occurred to me it would be a fine thing if it might be purchased and placed in some institution, such as the York Institute, Saco, or the Maine Historical society room, Portland, for safe keeping.

In such a place it might also be seen and appreciated by many more than would be the case were it in a private home.

Of the incidents surrounding this relic of the past and which have given it its great historic interest, Folsom's history of Saco and Biddeford speaks as follows:

"About this time (1697) Humphrey Scamman and his family were taken and carried to Canada. The story of their capture is told by an aged lady, a grand-daughter of Samuel, the youngest son of Mr. Scamman. When Samuel was about 10 years old, as his grand-daughter has often heard him relate, he was sent one day by his mother with a mug of beer to his father and brother who were at work on a piece of marsh in the neighborhood of the lower ferry. He had not gone far from the house when he discovered a number of Indians at a distance and immediately ran back to inform his mother. He regained the house and wished to fasten the door, but his mother prevented, saying that the Indians would certainly kill them if he did. They soon came into the house and asked the good woman where her sanap (husband) was. She refused to inform them, when they threatened to carry her off alive, but promised if she would discover where her husband was, to take them together without harm. She then told them.

"After destroying much of the furniture in the house, breaking many articles on a flat stone by the door, and emptying the feather beds to secure the sacks, they went away with the prisoners toward the marsh, where they succeeded in capturing Mr. Scamman and her other son. A boy named Robinson, who had been for the team, as he was returning, perceived the savages in season to make his escape.

Mounting a horse with only a garter for a bit, he rode up to what is now Gray's Point, swam the horse to Cow Island, and leaving him there, swam to the opposite shore and reached the fort in safety. He found only a few old men and women in possession of the place. The guns were immediately fired to alarm the soldiers belonging to the fort, who were at work some distance off. The women in the meantime put on mens' clothes and showed themselves around the fort, so that they could be seen by the Indians who had come up to the opposite island. Deceived by the stratagem (supposing the fort to be well manned they afterward acknowledged) they did not venture an attack, but drew off with a number of prisoners besides Scamman and his family. As the peace took place soon after, the prisoners were all returned, having been probably about one year in captivity. Mr. Scamman on his return found his house in precisely the same condition in which it had been left, even the mug of beer which Samuel placed on the dresser was found remaining there.

This mug is still in existence, preserved by our venerable informant as a memorial of the dangers and sufferings to which her ancestors were exposed. It is a handsome article of brown ware with the figure and name of King William stamped on it. Its age is about 140 years."

With reference to the location of the Scamman home, and marsh at which he and a son were working, it could not have been far from the mouth of the Saco river, on the Saco side of the stream. The Gray's Point referred to, is undoubtedly where the Gray brick yard was later located and, of course, Cow Island is well known to all at all acquainted with local early history. It is about midway of the Saco and Biddeford shore and directly opposite the Gray's Point referred to. It is of further interest to note that the fort to which young Robinson escaped after his swim across the Saco was doubtless located on my grandfather, Alvan C. Gove's, place, and was but a short distance from the point where the boy landed on the Biddeford shore. It stood, still does for that matter, on the very crown of a hill that commands a wide view of the river and surrounding country. I have never been able to trace its ownership further back than that of Captain James Murch, who with his family lies buried in Greenwood cemetery. His ownership must have dated back into the 18th century.

As for the fort itself, father told me he could well remember it before it was incorporated in the large house which now stands on the site, when grandfather Gove remodeled it into its present proportions. He told me further that the original building was small, framed of oak, with very low ceilings. When, during alterations, parts of the oak frame were uncovered, father said they bore the marks of battle. The low posted rooms of which he told are still intact in the main portion of the present buildings. A never failing spring in the cellar was naturally a great asset for a fort that might be called on to withstand a siege.

NOVEMBER 24, 1939.

WELL-KNOWN SACO WOMAN DIED TODAY

Mrs. Clarabelle (Leavitt) Hunt, lifelong resident of Saco, widow of William Hunt, died this morning at the home of her son, John S. Hunt, Lower Beach street, Saco. Her age was 84 years, seven months and 24 days. She lived her entire life in the Lower Beach street neighborhood.

Mrs. Hunt was a member of Ferry Chapel and the Kings Daughters, and for years was an interested worker in the church and societies and a regular attendant. She was known and held in high esteem by many friends in Saco and vicinity.

She leaves three sons, John S. of Saco, Fred W. of this city and Leslie L. of Old Orchard Beach; three daughters, Mrs. James W. Burnie of this city, Mrs. Edward S. Baker, Pine Point, and Mrs. Ralph Edgcomb, Saco; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and a brother, Alvin B. Leavitt of Teteluma, California.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of her son, John S., Lower Beach street, Saco.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1939.

E. H. GOLDTHWAITE, BANK PRESIDENT, DIED EARLY TODAY

Edward H. Goldthwaite, lifelong resident of this city, prominent in business, banking and fraternal circles and one of the best-known and most highly esteemed citizens, died this morning at his home, 60 Graham street. His age was 85 years, 11 months and 11 days.



E. H. GOLDTHWAITE.

Mr. Goldthwaite was born in this city, son of Captain Thomas and Almira (Chadbourne) Goldthwaite. He was educated in the local schools.

For over 40 years Mr. Goldthwaite conducted a paint store on Alfred street, retiring from this business several years ago.

He was president of the York County Savings Bank at the time of his death, having served in that capacity for quite a few years. He had a remarkable knowledge of financial matters and his advice was much sought by many of his friends for years, and in banking circles his opinions were greatly respected in these matters.

Although a man of quiet and retiring disposition, he made a host of warm friends in the city and vicinity, was easily approachable and always showed a kindly interest in his friends.

He served as president of the Masonic Building association.

Mr. Goldthwaite was a prominent figure in the Second Congregational church over a period of many years, serving as deacon of the church and in other capacities in the church organization, giving much of his time and support to the parish. His advice was much sought in many of the affairs in the church activities.

He was a member of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., taking a keen interest in affairs of this organization since becoming a member.

Although not prominently identified in politics in recent years, Mr. Goldthwaite served as a member of the city council at one time and also served as a member of the school board. He

always displayed a keen interest in civic affairs and contributed liberally of his time and in a

financial way in projects for the betterment of the community.

He leaves one daughter, Miss Lillie E. Goldthwaite of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Herbert S. Hill of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home, 60 Graham street.

Profound sorrow was expressed by business and professional men and associates of Mr. Goldthwaite today upon learning of his death, the opinion being generally expressed that in his death the city has lost a citizen of outstanding worth, whose place in the community will be hard to fill.

NOVEMBER 29, 1939.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Cora Stone Was
Teacher Here for
25 Years

Mrs. Cora Estelle Stone, widow of Levi Woodbury Stone, former mayor of Biddeford, and a lifelong resident of this city, died shortly after noon today at her home on Alfred street, following a period of failing health, though she had been confined to her home but a few weeks. In the going away of Mrs. Stone the community in which she lived has suffered a great loss. Always interested in the civic and religious life of the city, she was ever ready with both her time and means in any work that might mean a better Biddeford. Her passing will be mourned by many friends, who will long remember with grateful appreciation, her lovable, helpful spirit and kindly smile.

Mrs. Stone was born in this city, August 8, 1860, daughter of Charles A. and Susan York Morton. She graduated from the high school, class of 1880 and had been a member of the High School Alumni association since its beginning. Following completion of her studies, Mrs. Stone became a teacher in the grade schools of the city, which she filled with success 25 years. Many of her former pupils remember her with pleasure and appreciation for her efficiency and kindness.

In addition to her connection with the Alumni association, in which organization she frequently served on committees, Mrs. Stone was a devoted member of the Second Congregational church. Prominent in all church activities, she served for many years on the committee for church decorations. A lover of flowers and the out of doors, many of the floral offerings seen at the church altar were the

product of her gardens. Mrs. Stone took great pride in these gardens, the spacious grounds of her attractive home, lending themselves admirably to the development and production of flowers. One of her great delights during the summer months was showing her floral treasures to any who might be interested. She was also a member of the Thursday club, the Biddeford and Saco Garden club and a life member of the Wardwell Home for aged ladies.

Mrs. Stone took much pride in her membership in Rebecca Emory chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and rightly so, for she not only traced her ancestry back to John Howland of Mayflower fame but another forbear, George Morton, was one of the founders of the Plymouth colony. And connecting her more directly with that epic struggle, Isaac Morton was a captain in the Continental army. Thus, through many ties of the past was she bound to that patriotic organization.

Two sisters, Mrs. A. L. T. Cummings of Portland and Mrs. Charlotte M. Gove of Biddeford survive. A nephew, Adolph Robbins Morton of Brooklyn, N. Y., and a grand niece, Alice Cummings Morton of Portland, also survive.

MARCH 7, 1940.

Fred A. Small Died Today After A Long Illness

Fred A. Small, real estate agent, and for many years employed as a driver for the Standard Oil company, died this morning at his home, 98 South street. He had been a resident of this city for the past 50 years. His age was 72 years, seven months and three days.

Mr. Small was employed by the Standard Oil Co. as driver of a team for years, and later operated one of the trucks from the local plant. He retired from company employ several years ago and had since devoted his time to the real estate business.

He was known throughout the county, and was held in high esteem by many friends. A man of jovial disposition, he made a host of friends in this section of the county.

He leaves one son, Elmer Small of Sangerville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

NOVEMBER 14, 1940.

Car Turned Over on North Street, Saco

Arthur Andrews of 79 Middle street, Saco, escaped serious injury late yesterday afternoon when the auto he was driving down North street, Saco, skidded on the wet surface and turned over near the intersection of Franklin street.

The car, however, was severely damaged, especially the top. The occupants were forced to crawl out of the auto through the windows.

Thursday Morning, November 30, 1939

Will Stone, Long Pepperell Employee, Dies

Biddeford Man Was For 20 Years Attendance Officer In Public Schools

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Biddeford, Nov. 29—Will Stone, one of Biddeford's oldest and most widely known residents, for 42 years an employee of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, and later for more than 20 years, previous to his retirement about two years ago, attendance officer of the Biddeford public schools, died at his home, 61 Birch Street, today, following a brief illness.

He was born in Biddeford, the son of William and Deborah Grant Stone, and attended the Biddeford schools. He was graduated from the Emery School at the age of 14, and after leaving school he obtained employment in the Laconia division of the Pepperell Mills, in the cloth department. Later he was made foreman of this department at the age of 19. He resigned in 1916 owing to his failing health and in 1917 accepted the appointment of attendance officer of the schools. He won the praise of officials of the school system for his unusual record of efficiency.

He was considered quite an authority on the early history of the city and was often consulted regarding happenings of the past.

He took an active part in Democratic politics and served as a member of the City Council in 1885 and 1887. He was a member of the Democratic city committee in 1921 and 1922, and from 1912 to 1917 served as a member of the Board of Health.

Mr. Stone was a member of Dunlap Lodge of Masons, Laconia Lodge, and York Encampment, Odd Fellows. He was an attendant of the Foss Street Methodist Church for 30 years and took an active part in the Bible class of the parish.

He was married to Ruth A. Benson and besides his wife, he leaves a son, Elvin M. Stone of Kennebunkport, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Wilbur of Biddeford.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home, Friday at 2.30 p. m.

Immediately upon his graduation from grammar school, he entered the employ of the Laconia mills in the cloth department and was made foreman of that department at the age of 19 years. He continued in that department for 42 years.

In 1916 Mr. Stone resigned from the mill position on account of ill health.

He was elected a member of the board of health in 1912 and served until 1917, when he resigned after being elected attendance officer of the local schools, a position in which he made an unusual record for efficiency, his work being commended several times by school authorities in the public and parochial schools of the city. Mr. Stone was strict in his enforcement of the school laws, but had little trouble during the many years he served as attendance officer. He resigned from this position about two years ago.

Mr. Stone was quite an authority on early history of this city and vicinity, on many occasions contributing information sought about early Biddeford and happenings. Until recent weeks it was his custom to walk quite extensively about this city and Saco almost daily.

A man of unusually pleasant disposition at all times, genial and interested in others. Mr. Stone enjoyed the friendship of a great



Will Stone

number of residents of this city, Saco and vicinity.

He was active in politics with the Democratic party here and served in the common council in 1886 and 1887. He also served as a member of the Democratic city committee in 1921 and 1922.

Mr. Stone was a member of Dunlap lodge, A. F. and A. M., other Masonic orders, Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 44 and York Encampment, No. 17, I. O. O. F.

He was an attendant of the Foss street Methodist church over 50 years and was a prominent member of the men's Bible class of that church.

Mr. Stone married Ruth A. Benson in this city Nov. 18, 1885.

He leaves his widow and one son.

Life - Long Resident



WILL STONE.

Elvin M. Stone, now of Kennebunkport, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Wilbur of this city.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home, 61 Birch street.

Although his health had not been of the best for several years, he was able to be out nearly every day and yesterday walked down to the business section from his home on Birch street. He did not say at the time that he felt other than in his usual condition.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1939.

E. D. THOMAS DIED RECENTLY

Was Grocer in Saco for Years Before Going to Coast

Notice has been received here of the death at his home, 310 West Broadway, Long Beach, California, of Edwin D. Thomas, formerly of Saco, where for years he was engaged in the grocery business. He retired from business in Saco, in 1921, and went to Long Beach to make his home.

He was born in Saco, June 4, 1802. He and his wife were to have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in February next year.

Mr. Thomas was employed for a time at the old municipal auditorium in Long Beach until it was torn down.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary W. Thomas; a brother, George Thomas, Old Orchard Beach, and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Tounge, of Boston.

Private funeral services were conducted last Thursday at a funeral chapel in Long Beach.

FEBRUARY 26, 1940.

Former Local Newspaperman Died Today

Nathaniel D. Colcord, 69, retired Portland newspaperman and former state representative, died in Portland today, the Associated Press reported. He was a native of Cornish.

Educated in Biddeford, Colcord began his newspaper career with the Biddeford Daily Times. He later wrote for the Daily Eastern Argus and the Portland Daily Advertiser before joining the staff of the Portland Evening Express more than 25 years ago. For more than 20 years he was Portland correspondent for the Boston Globe.

Colcord, who was a Democrat, served in the state house of representatives in 1915-16. A few years prior to that he had served as secretary to U. S. Rep. Samuel W. Gould of the third Maine district. He was a past exalted ruler of the Portland lodge of Elks and for many years a member of the York County Wheelmen's club.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., in the Portland Elks home.

He came from Cornish to this

city to attend high school, and was graduated from Biddeford high in the class of 1891. He worked for the Biddeford Standard for a time and then went to the Springfield (Mass.) Union. From Springfield he went to Portland and worked on the old Argus and the Portland Daily Advertiser for a time. He had been with the Portland Evening Express for 25 years when he retired.

Mr. Colcord was a frequent visitor to this city and had many friends in the city and vicinity.

He conducted the first bowling alley in this city, operating alleys on Washington street.

MARCH 21, 1940.

Colcord Will Is Filed in Probate Court

The will of Nathaniel D. Colcord, late of Portland, was filed in the Cumberland county probate court today, by the executor. There was no estimate as to the size of the estate.

The will, which was executed in 1934, lists 34 legacies, including relatives, friends and public institutions, both in this city and Portland. Names of beneficiaries and amounts bequeathed, which were for the most part small, were not made public.

Mr. Colcord, who was a well-known newspaperman, will be recalled by the older residents of the city. He was born in Porter. His parents died when he was a boy and he lived for a time in Cornish, with one "Aunt Betsey Stone," before coming to Biddeford to complete his education, graduating from Biddeford high in the class of 1891, being president of his class. While in Biddeford he lived with an uncle, the late Edwin Stone, and the late Mrs. Wm. P. Haines.

On graduating, Colcord was employed on the Times and Standard of this city, later going to Massachusetts papers and then to Portland, where he was recognized as an able newspaperman. He was correspondent for the Boston Globe many years.

He took a keen interest in politics and was Portland City Messenger in 1907. He was also a member of the Maine house from Portland in 1916.

MARCH 7, 1940.

Mrs. Louise R. Verrill Died in Portland

Mrs. Louise R. Verrill, 70, believed to have served as the first court stenographer in the state and who introduced shorthand in Biddeford public schools, died in Portland today. She was a native of Saco.

Portland Has Seen Many Changes Since This Photo Was Taken



Although the business section of Portland has changed mightily since this picture of Congress and Preble Street corner was taken more than a quarter century ago there are many firms in business then who are still serving the public today. Among them are those that have appeared regularly on this page about which interesting facts are told in the accompanying article.

MARCH 8, 1940.

JAN. 29 Mrs. Lizzie Kress 1940.

Mrs. Lizzie (Fuller) Kress, 82, widow of Otto F. Kress, died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Everett P. Merrow, 134 East street, Methuen following a long illness. She was born in Thomaston, Me., and had resided in Methuen for the past 30 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Merrow, with whom she made her home and Mrs. Harry A. Schaake, of Malden; two grandsons, Everett P. Merrow Jr., of Methuen, Roy F. Kress of Lawrence; one granddaughter, Mrs. Arthur Griffin of Winchester; two great grandchildren, Miss Norma Louise Merrow of Methuen and Lee Claire Griffin of Winchester; two brothers, Sylvester Fuller of Dorchester and Mark I. Fuller, Methuen; also a sister, Mrs. Thomas Hay, Methuen.

The funeral will be held at her home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Brainerd F. Gibbons, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Universalist) officiating. Interment will be in the family lot in Bellevue cemetery. The body may be viewed at the home after 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

MRS LOUISE R. VERRILL.

Mrs. Louise Ricker Verrill, 79, one of the first court stenographers in the state, who introduced the teaching of shorthand in the Biddeford public schools, died Thursday in her apartment in the Congress Square hotel, Portland, after an illness of more than a year.

Mrs. Verrill was born May 19, 1860, in Saco, resided in Biddeford in early life and learned and became proficient in stenography as a young woman. She was married to Dr. Frank V. Verrill, a Biddeford dentist, who died in early manhood. Later she became a mother hostess at the University of Maine and remained there until she retired in 1931 and came to this city.

Two brothers, Fred K. Ricker, retired Manila, P. I., banker, and George Ricker of Dallas, Tex.; a niece, Miss Ethel Ricker of Dallas, and a nephew, Roscoe, due today from Dallas by plane to make funeral arrangements, survive.

APRIL 5, 1940.

Mrs. H. W. Yeaton Prominent Saco Resident, Dead

Mrs. Alice L. Yeaton, wife of Harold W. Yeaton, prominent Saco resident, died Thursday night in Portland.

She was born in Passaic, N. J., daughter of William H. and Jane (Shouler) Locke.

Mrs. Yeaton was active among a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity. She was prominent in activities of the Saco-Biddeford Garden club and as a member of the Christian Science society. She was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

She leaves her husband and four sisters, Miss Bessie Locke of New York, Mrs. Grace L. Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bogart and Mrs. May L. Aldredge of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

JANUARY 10, 1940.

F. J. Stewart Died Last Night

Frederick J. Stewart, resident of Saco for over 50 years, died Tuesday evening at a local hospital, following a long illness. His age was 84 years, 8 months and 14 days. He was born in Bangor the son of Alfred O. and Mary (Farnum) Stewart.

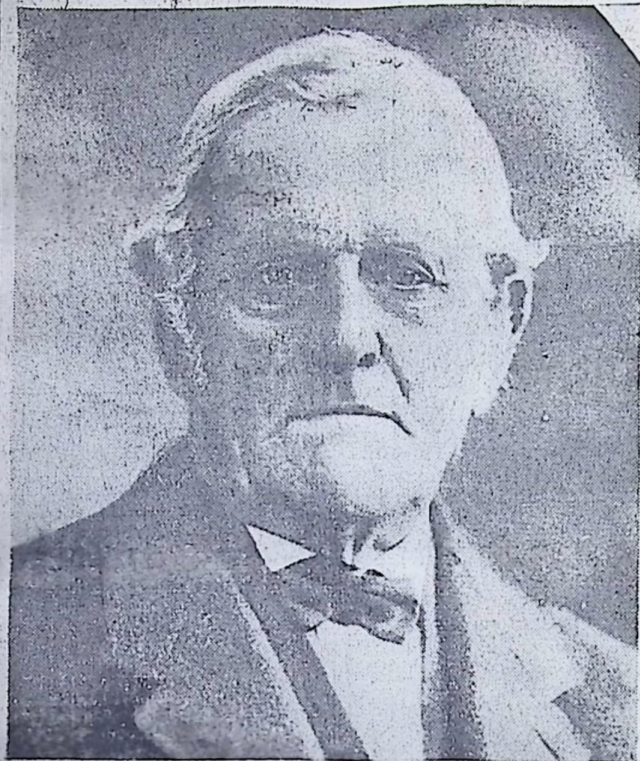
Mr. Stewart was connected with the grocery business practically all his life. He was an attendant at the First Parish Congregational church, Saco. He was known to a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity and held in high esteem.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith of Saco; two sons, Edric F. Stewart, Portland, and Roland W. Stewart, Saco; a sister, Miss Harriett L. Stewart of Bangor; five grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Jotted in the Library

By DANE YORKE



ISRAEL SHEVENELLE.

Last week the McArthur library made available the unusual story involving the famous Stonewall Jackson and Thomas Potts of Biddeford. But there was not space then to point out that the fine service rendered our country by Thomas Potts was the more significant because he had been born in England. He

was brought to America at eight; when he volunteered, at the call of Abraham Lincoln, he was only 19 but no longer English. In that eleven years he had become American, an American through and through as his record shows. And that has been the great miracle of America in the last 300 years, the way that men of many diverse lands and bloods have come and been inspired by what we call the American spirit. And we whose ancestors for four and six and eight generations have all been born in America should never forget that from the days of the Mayflower Pilgrims (who were all, naturally, foreign-born) down to the present, the American spirit has been made and prized and molded by men of emigrant blood. Only the Indians can call themselves, accurately, native-American. But the Indians did not build America.

Came to Biddeford at 19.

It is therefore most fitting that this American Month we re-

call the story of Israel Shevenelle. It is as remarkable a story as anything in the history of Biddeford. Born in 1826, in French Canada, near Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Israel Shevenelle was a sturdy lad of 19 when he first journeyed to Biddeford. He was a genuine pioneer; his traveling was that of pioneer days. There were then no railroads to Canada; he travelled Shank's Mare and he came from Sherbrooke by way of the White Mountains. It was in April, just 95 years ago; young Shevenelle found the mountain snows four feet deep; when he fought past the mountains and got into the Saco valley he found that the spring thaws had made the mud, as he put it, "ten feet deep."

He Traveled Alone.

He said that he was nearly two weeks making that hard journey on foot. And when he got to Biddeford he found it the busiest place he had ever seen; it was probably the busiest, most hustling, little town in the whole of northern New England. In 1845, the year Israel Shevenelle arrived, Biddeford was literally a boom town, almost such a town as we think of in Western pioneer days. Five years before Shevenelle came there were only 2,500 people in Biddeford; five years after he came there were 6,000. The industrial development that transformed Biddeford was just beginning. Bidde-

ford's first cotton mill (the Laconia Number 1) did not go into operation until two months after Shevenelle's arrival, and he was here 10 years before all of the Laconia and Pepperell mills

had been built and Biddeford became a city.

Finds Work In Brickyard.

The 19-year old lad found work in the brickyard of Nathaniel Kimball which was then located on Elm street (Elm was then called Main. The brickyard was a busy place; bricks were in great demand. From

1845 to 1849 more than 10,000,000 bricks were used in the erection of the mills, the boarding houses and the Thacher hotel (then called the Biddeford House). Labor was scarce and wages high, for those days. Young Shevenelle was amazed to find himself earning \$8 a week (as much as he could have made in a month, in Canada) and by fall he was able to save \$50, which seemed a small fortune.

He Walked Back To Canada

to spend the winter and to show his parents this new wealth; the following spring he once more made the long journey afoot, and his strength and willingness made him welcome again in the Kimball brickyard. He saved more money, sent it to his family and they came on—father, mother, sisters and brothers—the first family group to come from French Canada to stay. The journey of that family was itself a small epic; it reminds us of the stories of covered wagon days. There were still no railroads. The Shevenelles travelled in a one-horse, two-wheeled cart from Canada to Biddeford. The journey took them seven days.

Was A Booster For Biddeford.

Young Israel proudly showed his people how Biddeford was growing. He felt, and was, a part of that growth. In the four years from 1845 to 1849 more than 600 houses were built in Biddeford (an average of 12 a month!) and more than 20 new streets were opened. The town's first high school (the present Washington street school) was built then, and forty years later Israel Shevenelle's son attended that school and was the first descendant of the early French settlers to graduate in a Biddeford high school class. Israel lived to see that graduation; indeed, his fine stalwart figure is still remembered as in 1905, when Biddeford celebrated its 50th anniversary (as a city), he marched in the parade with special honor as one of the few survivors of the year 1855 when Biddeford secured its city charter. At his death in 1912, at the age of 86 and after living 67 years in Biddeford, he was affectionately known as Biddeford's "grand old man," and everywhere respected and esteemed. He was a genuine pioneer, a genuine builder of our city, a thoroughly genuine American.

And of his whole life the thing of which Israel Shevenelle was most proud, was that (when he had become an American citizen by law, as well as by spirit) his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln.

MAY 10, 1940.

J. O. Sansoucy Died Suddenly

Funeral Director Here Several Years

J. Oliver Sansoucy, well-known funeral director of this city, prominent in local Franco-American organizations, died suddenly this morning at his home, 7 St. Marys street. He was around as usual yesterday and gave no indication that his condition was dangerous. His death came as a great shock to members of the family and his many friends in the city and vicinity.

Mr. Sansoucy was born in St. LaRoche, Que., son of Francois and Leah (Giauard) Sansoucy. He came here 28 years ago and has since been engaged in business here. He was a member of the furniture and undertaking firm of Dennis and Sansoucy, and when this firm was dissolved, he continued in business himself as a funeral director. His son, William R. became associated with him in business a few years ago.

He was a member of Biddeford-Saco lodge of Elks, the Sacred Heart League of St. Josephs parish, the local tent of Macabees, L'Institut Canadien-Francais, and the Canado society. Since coming here he has been active in St. Josephs parish.

He had been quite successful in business here, conducting a large funeral plant on St. Marys street, and acquiring other valuable property on that street.

Mr. Sansoucy was known and held in high esteem by many friends in the city and vicinity. He was quite interested in civic affairs, and for a time took an active part in local politics.

He leaves his wife and one son, William R.; four sisters, Sister Sansoucy and Sister St. Leon, connected with the Notre Dame hospital in Montreal, Mrs. Joseph Lorange and Mrs. Noella Dyer, both of Southbridge, Mass., and two brothers, Frank, and Edward, both of Southbridge, Mass.

Arrangements for his funeral had not been completed today.

FEBRUARY 16, 1940.

William A. Gilman Died Last Night

William A. Gilman, a lifelong resident of Saco, died last night after a long illness. His age was 65 years, six months and four days. He was born in Saco, son of Edward H. and Ada (Stackpole) Gilman.

He was a machinist in the Saco-Lowell shops for several years, a member of Saco Unitarian church, well known in Saco and vicinity and held in high esteem by many friends in Saco and this city.

He leaves his wife, who was Blanche Creamer before marriage; his mother, Mrs. Edward Gilman of Portland, a sister, Mrs. John Tatterson of Portland, and a brother, Arthur C. Gilman, of Hartford, Conn.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

Driver Fined \$100; License Lost for Year

Collision Proves Costly for Culver

Pleading guilty in city court yesterday to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Joe Culver was sentenced by Judge H. L. Peterson to pay a fine of \$100 and surrender his driver's license for a period of one year.

Culver was arrested early Saturday morning after his car struck another machine parked on the north side of Central avenue near Third street. Impact of the collision drove the parked car across the sidewalk and within a few inches of a plate glass store front. It struck several green benches and knocked over a park-o-meter en route.

Francis Pate, owner of the parked car, appearing as a witness against Culver, said his machine was damaged to the extent of approximately \$50.

Stockings came high for Mrs. Margaret Ferris, 405 Third street south, when she was sentenced to pay a \$50 fine on pleading guilty to pilfering a pair from a local store. A woman detective was the complainant.

Ten negroes caught late Friday night in a police raid on a house at 407 Tenth street south, were found guilty of gambling and were sentenced to pay fines of \$4 each.

Roy Williams, negro, pleaded guilty to operating a gambling room at the Tenth street address and was fined \$10.

Those caught in the raid gave their names as Fred Johnson, Nathaniel Oliver, J. W. Walker, Louis Caprone, Louis Payton, L. J. Brown, John Sypher, Willie Wright, Thomas Hardin and Willie Simmons.

Judge Peterson imposed a fine of \$1 on Don Anthony Jr., after finding him guilty of reckless driving.

Anthony was arrested Feb. 18 on complaint of Arthur W. Andrews, following a collision between cars driven by Anthony and Andrews at Fifteenth avenue and Thirty-first street south. Several witnesses were sworn during a brief trial yesterday after Anthony had entered a plea of not guilty through Attorney Richard Griff Key.

W. A. Robertson, 3000 Second avenue north, paid a \$5 fine for failing to stop at a through traffic street.

A similar fine was suspended in the case of Mrs. L. C. Potelger, 634 Thirty-sixth avenue south, when she pleaded guilty to the same offense.

A LANDMARK PASSES



With the passing of the old Sawyer house, now being torn down, Biddeford loses another landmark. It was built some 90 years ago as the home of Dr. James Sawyer who occupied it for more than half a century. The McArthur library reports that this section of Jefferson street was then known as Cedar and that the only other building on it, besides the Sawyer house, was the old church structure known as the Temple of Reason which had just been moved down from Crescent street (where the White Church now stands) to become what was then called the Cedar Street Free Will Baptist Church. Biddeford was still a town with such odd officers as Hog Reeve, Fence Viewer, and Culler of Hoops and Staves, while over in Saco they were still electing a "tythingman" who perhaps was still supposed to tap the heads of folks who fell asleep in church. Saco, incidentally, was a little chagrined just then because Biddeford had just passed it in population and could boast of 6,000 inhabitants against Saco's 5,700.

Elm street, Biddeford, was then known as Main street. Our present Main street was then called Liberty from the covered bridge to Adams street, and from Adams street it was known as Chestnut. The Pepperell Mill No. 1 was just being built. Down in the "shipyard" they really built ships and a big thousand-ton clipper was then on the ways. And walking the streets of Biddeford, as the McArthur library says, was Samuel Pierson who had been a secretary to George Washington and who still wore in Biddeford the red knee-breeches, blue swallowtail coat, long black silk stockings and shiny buckled shoes that had been the dress of Washington's day. Such have been the things the old Sawyer house has seen.

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, FEBRUARY 19, 1940

At noon yesterday a car driven by Dan Anthony Jr., 1435 Twenty-eighth avenue north, collided with a machine operated by Arthur W. Andrews, 820 Fifth avenue north, at Thirty-first street and Fifteenth avenue south. Andrews received a cut on the forehead and was treated at the scene. Anthony will face reckless driving charges in city court.

JUNE 20, 1940.

Dr. Pillsbury Died Yesterday At Summer Home

Dr. Fritzroy F. Pillsbury, native of Saco and known to many friends in Saco and vicinity, died



DR. FRITZROY PILLSBURY

early yesterday at his summer home on the Saco river.

He was born in Saco, son of the late Dr. Charles W. and Ella Farnsworth Pillsbury. His father was a prominent Saco physician.

Dr. Pillsbury was graduated from Thorntown academy and from Dartmouth Medical school in 1909. He served his internship at Lowell Corporation hospital and in 1910 began practice in Lowell, where he was prominent as a surgeon and physician until he retired in January of this year because of ill health.

He came to Saco about a month ago, intending to make his permanent home there.

He leaves his widow and two sons, Wesley D. and Robert F. Pillsbury, all of Saco; a sister, Mrs. John Adams of Portland, and a brother, Leon M. Pillsbury, of Lowell. He was a brother-in-law of Perley G. Davis of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the summer home on the Saco river at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

One of Oldest Saco Citizens Died Sunday

E. Riversmith Was in 93rd Year

Everard E. Riversmith, one of Saco's oldest distinguished residents, died Sunday morning after a short illness. He was born in Saco, April 10, 1849, and lived most of his life in the home where he passed away at 46 Summer street. His age was 92 years. In his early life, he was identified with the cotton textile business and in later years he maintained an interest in the activities of this New England industry. He was a brother-in-law of the late Franklin Nourse, for a long time agent of the York Manufacturing company.

His father was William H. Riversmith and his mother, Abbie Shenley Riversmith. Through his mother he was a descendant of President John Adams, his family being one of the oldest in New England due to his forebears being among the early pioneers of this section of the country. He was a strong patriot and loyal American whose intense patriotism dates back to the days of President Lincoln.

Mr. Riversmith in politics was a life member of the Republican party and voted at every election in Saco since attaining the age of 21 years. His niece, Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell, is one of the outstanding members of the United States congress. He had the distinction of introducing the game of baseball to Saco when a young man and playing upon and organizing Saco's first baseball nine. He was a most enthusiastic sportsman, being a great lover of dogs and horses. In his younger days he was the owner of several thoroughbred horses. He attended the First Parish Congregational church of Saco and was long a supporter of all religious and social activities of the parish. He was a liberal contributor to many local and national charities including the Red Cross, T. B. associations, Wardwell Home and the Webber hospital. He was known as a most generous gentleman and often contributed to the aid of many of the needy of Saco. Mr. Riversmith never married and lived in the house where he died for over 70 years. He was a brother of the late Edith Frances Nourse and Dora Thurston.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Charlotte Riversmith, with whom he made his home, a niece, Congresswoman Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell, Mass., a nephew, Benjamin Franklin Nourse and wife, two grandnieces, Shepley and Charlotte Nourse.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 46 Summer street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



Mrs.
Paul
Groover
of
Saco

JULY 25, 1940

Charles S. Emery Died in Saco

Charles S. Emery, life-long resident of Saco, died early this morning at his home on Clark street, Saco, after a long illness. His age was 87 years, nine months and 13 days. Mr. Emery was employed in the York mills over 50 years as an overseer of the finishing department. He retired about 22 years ago.

He was born in Saco, son of James L. and Caroline (Moss) Emery.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Susie E. Rodick of South Portland, Mrs. Caroline Benjamin of Hyannis, Mass., and three nephews, Frank C. Emery of Cape Elizabeth, Ralph W. Emery of Somerville, Mass., and Philip Benjamin of Philadelphia.

Mr. Emery was a member of Saco lodge, I. O. O. F., and the

United Baptist church of Saco taking an active interest for years in the church and fraternal circles.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

JANUARY 2, 1941.

H. S. Sawyer Died Today

Harry Shackford Sawyer, Sr., treasurer of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco, died late this forenoon at his home, 60 North street, Saco. His age was 64. Death was due to a heart ailment. He had been in ill health for two years.

He was engaged in the insurance business, located in Masonic building, Saco, for several years, before entering the bank. He was known and held in high es-

teem by many friends in Saco and vicinity and known in banking circles in the state.

He was born in Saco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sawyer, and a life long resident.

Mr. Sawyer leaves his wife; two sons, Harry S. Sawyer, Jr., a member of the faculty at Thornton academy, and Wendell C., of Conway, N. H., and a daughter, Mrs. Serena Larson. He also leaves a brother, Charles Sawyer, of Haverhill, Mass.

He was treasurer of the Wardwell Home of Saco.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed this afternoon.

Mr. Sawyer was prominent in Masonic circles. He was thrice illustrious master.

Mr. Sawyer was a member and active in the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club and a member of the United Baptist church of Saco; treasurer of the York County Childrens Aid society.

W. W. McIntyre Died At Home in Saco Today

William W. McIntyre, well-known resident of Saco, engaged in the insurance business there, for many years, died this morning at his home in Saco, at the age of 79 years. He had been in failing health for a long time, but his condition had not been critical until a few days ago.

He had been one of outstanding citizens of Saco for many years, a leader in church work, active in fraternal work, in business and politics of the city.

He was born on Prince Edward Island and came to Portland when five years old. He went to Portland schools until he was 15 and then started out for himself. His first job was in the clothing store of James Sisk, on Fore Street, Portland, and then he went to the G. E. Dyer store on Middle Street, there. After several years he bought out the Dyer business and conducted it about 10 years. The second year he was in business in Portland, he opened a branch store in Saco, and eventually sold out the Portland store and came to Saco. He had an ambition to become a lawyer and sold out his business to begin the study of law in the office of Chas. S. Hamilton, Biddeford lawyer, who was mayor of this city at that time.

Mr. McIntyre made good progress in reading law, but his health failed. Doctors advised him to get out of doors if he wanted to be strong and well. This was great disappointment to Mr. McIntyre, who wanted to become a lawyer so much it was hard to give up the hope, but there was no alternatives. He then started the insurance business, which kept him outdoors quite a little, and he continued in that business.

Mr. McIntyre was at one time a newspaper reporter and for a time was manager of the old Biddeford Times.

He was also employed for a time at the Webber store in Saco.

He was a fixture in old-time minstrel shows in this city and Saco, having remarkable histrionic talent, which would have won him national fame if he had chosen the stage. As an after-dinner speaker, his contribution

of "The Montgomery Guards," in which Irish brogue, was a classic locally for many years. He took part with the old Grattan Society of Portland, and locally with many organizations, including the old Emmets. Ben Cleaves, Walter Gilpatrick and Ed Deland were others starring in local shows with Mr. McIntyre when these shows were the leading attractions in entertainments here. Mr. McIntyre always said that this group of end-men were better than any professionals he had ever seen, classing the other three as much better than he had even been, not being disposed to talk of his contributions to these shows.

In entertainments given by Holy Trinity parish and Bishop Fenwick council, Knights of Columbus, of Saco, Mr. McIntyre's experience and help have been almost invaluable for years and many of their successes can be traced to his untiring efforts.

An active and interested member of the grange, Mr. McIntyre worked for its interest with an energy and enthusiasm that was an inspiration to fellow members and a stimulant to the growth and prosperity of Saco grange. He held the office of secretary for a long time. He was also active in the old Wheelmens society.

He served as tax-collector of Saco and in several minor offices, taking an active part in Saco politics since going there.

Mr. McIntyre had an inexhaustible sense of humor that won applause from an audience and enlivened many banquet halls, a never-failing courtesy and strict integrity that enabled him to build up a prosperous business. During the war he was in service as a "Four-Minute" speaker.

He was one of the founders of Most Holy Trinity parish in Saco and worked hard for the success of the parish in the early days. This interest he maintained to the last. He was quite proud of the Saco parish and what had been accomplished by the members in a few years.

He leaves a widow, who was Miss Helen F. Burns of Saco, and one son, William F. McIntyre of Greenland, N. H.

The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning at Most Holy Trinity church, Saco.

Portland Press Herald, Friday Morning,

January 3, 1941

Harry S. Sawyer, Saco Banker, Dies After Long Illness

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Saco, Jan. 2—Harry S. Sawyer, 64, treasurer of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, with which he had been connected for more than 30 years, and widely known in Maine banking circles, died today at his North Street home here after an illness of several months.

Mr. Sawyer, a life-long resident of this city, was the son of Elbridge and Serena Shackford Sawyer, he received his education in the Saco schools and in early life he was a clerk for a time in the office of the American Express Company. Later he became an agent for the G. A. Carter Insurance Company, and retained his connection with that firm after entering the employ of the bank.

He was a member of several Masonic bodies, being a 32nd degree Mason, was a past master of Saco Lodge, was affiliated with York Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and was past thrice illustrious master of Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters.

He had served as an official of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary Club, was treasurer of the Wardwell Home for Aged Ladies, a vice president and trustee of Thornton Academy and a trustee of the Sarah Kimball estate.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Carrie D. Sawyer; two sons, Harry S. Jr., a member of the Thornton Academy faculty, and Wendall of North Conway, N. H., former Bowdoin Col-



Harry S. Sawyer

lege varsity football captain; a daughter, Mrs. Serena Larson of Brighton, Mass., a brother, Charles of Haverhill, Mass., and two grandchildren, Joyce and Peter Larson of Brighton. Funeral arrangements will be announced Friday.

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Pepperell Employees On Way To Vote



One group of Pepperell mill employees on the way from mill to Paquin building, where an election is being held today and tomorrow to determine whether or not the employees want

the CIO as their bargaining agent in representing them in matters between the workers and the mill.

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—Biddeford Journal Photo.



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Miss Dorothy Stone of Biddeford
and Miss Priscilla Garland of Saco

MAY 22, 1940.

Mrs. F. H. Harmon Died Last Night

Mrs. Dora Marshall Harmon, wife of Frank H. Harmon, of the Old Orchard road, Saco, died last night.

She was born in Stowe, Vt., February 3, 1856. Before her first marriage to Charles Harmon she was a school teacher in Waterbury, Vt., and during her early life she was a resident of Lowell, Mass., where her only daughter, Miss Lottie M. Harmon, teacher in the Saco schools, was born.

In 1894 she married Frank H. Harmon and came to Saco to live.

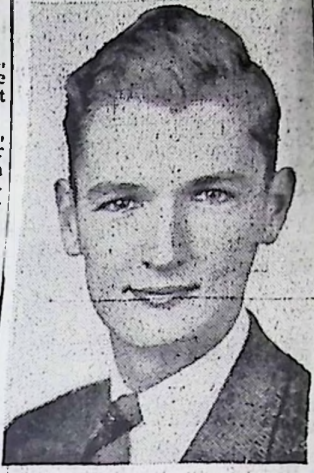
She was a member and an active worker in the Unitarian church and in societies of the church as long as her health permitted. She was one of the older members of the E. & I. Union of Saco. For many years she was a constant attendant and held many positions in the club. She was the last member of her family.

She will be remembered for her ready wit, and as hostess to small groups whom she thoroughly enjoyed entertaining in her home.

She leaves her husband and daughter, two grand nieces and two cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2.30 Thursday afternoon at the home, 50 Old Orchard road.

AUGUST 21, 1940



LESLIE THOMAS.

January 5, 1941

Priscilla Dennett Of Saco Engaged



Miss Priscilla Dennett

Special Despatch to Sunday Telegram
Saco, Jan. 4—Dr. and Mrs. Carl G. Dennett of Winter Street, Saco, announced the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla, to Thomas Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunningham also of this city at a dinner party given at the Normandie at West Scarborough this evening.

Those attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunningham, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cunningham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham, Miss Agnes Cunningham, Miss Thea Dennett, Miss Charlotte Dennett, Miss Marjorie Dennett, the Misses Lorraine Rowell, Delores Hopper, Mary Emmons, and Hope Libby, Lawrence Garland, Jr., Robert Boutet, Leavitt Emmons, Wendall Willet, James Donald, Richard Maybury.

Miss Dennett was graduated from Thornton Academy in 1936 and from the Bouve-Boston School in 1939. She is attending Boston University, where she will be graduated in June with a B. S. degree. Mr. Cunningham is a graduate of Thornton Academy in 1934, a graduate of the Saco-Lowell shops apprentice school. He is employed at the Kittery Navy Yard.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1940.

Wheelmen Met Tuesday

Alton M. Seavey Was Reelected

The annual reunion of the York County Wheelmen, for many years, one of the outstanding organizations of its kind, was held at the Cascade lodge, Saco, Tuesday evening with 14 members in attendance. Alton M. Seavey of Saco was reelected president and C. Wilson Place, secretary, for the coming year.

Following the dining on one of the choice dinner menus of the hostelry, the group was entertained by A. L. T. Cummings of Portland with a group of favorite stories, and brief remarks were made by other members present. The remainder of the evening was devoted to reminiscing of the days when the local wheelmen and their bicycles were known throughout New England as one of the leading social organizations of its kind, and the many tours enjoyed by the members.

Those present at Tuesday evening's reunion were Herbert H. Davis, Laconia, N. H., A. L. T. Cummings, Portland, R. W. E. Milliken, Lexington, Mass., Leon M. Quimby, Reading, Mass., William R. Cutter, Portland, Fred W. Sawyer, A. M. Seavey, George D. Buck, Harry P. Chadbourne, Frederick P. Abbott, Arthur W. Andrews, Saco, Fred C. Watson, Harry C. Calderwood and C. Wilson Place, Biddeford.

DECEMBER 28, 1939.

MRS. BURTON H. WINSLOW. (Contributed)

Mrs. Burton H. Winslow of 35 Thornton avenue, Saco died at the Webber hospital early Wednesday morning after a brief illness. She had been a resident of Saco for more than 50 years, having come here as a bride when she married the late Burton H. Winslow, who was an official of the Laconia and Pepperell Mills for more than 45 years. Mrs. Winslow, who was in her 84th year, was one of the oldest living members of the United Baptist church in Saco, having taken an active part in church work there for over 58 years, and was one of the few remaining charter members of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union in Saco, and was also a member of the Garden club in Saco and the Three Quarters of a Century club of Maine.

She had always been active in club work and church work, had taken for years an interested part in the Women's Missionary society of the United Baptist church and was still a member of the Golden Rule class there.

She is survived by four children, Edward B. Winslow of Tuckahoe, New York; Mrs. Joseph H. Rideout of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Mrs. Theodore V. Moldenke, Hempstead, New York, and Winthrop Winslow of Providence, R. I., seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held in Saco Friday afternoon at 2 at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

DECEMBER 13, 1940.

Mrs. W. J. Conlan Died Today

Mrs. Cynthia W. Conlan, widow of Warren J. Conlan who for many years was one of the country's best known Shakespearean actors, died at her home, 162 Prospect street, this morning, following an extended illness. Her age was 86 years, 9 months and 23 days.

She was born in Biddeford, the daughter of the late Captain Oliver and Theodosia Huff Benson. She received her education in the local schools and for many years, during her younger life, conducted millinery parlors in this city. She was known by a large circle of acquaintances in the two cities who held her in the highest esteem. She was practically a life-long resident of this community and for a long period of time, when her health permitted, was active in the affairs of Evangeline Rebekah lodge and the Foss street Methodist church and of the ladies' organizations affiliated with that parish. She was greatly devoted to her home and family and always displayed a deep interest in any project for the betterment of the community. Her numerous kind and charitable deeds will be long remembered by many of those benefited by these acts.

She is survived by two sons, Warren J. Conlan of Braintree, Mass., and Hampton H. Conlan, Biddeford; a daughter, Mrs. Mabelle E. Warren, Braintree, Mass., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

ILY JOURNAL, MONDAY EVENING, JULY 8, 1940

DEAD IN PORTLAND



JUDGE B. F. CLEAVES

Judge B. F. Cleaves Died In Portland

Judge Benjamin F. Cleaves, formerly of this city, for 16 years a judge of the municipal court here, and one of the founders of the law firm of Cleaves, Waterhouse and Emery, in recent years legal advisor of the Maine Associated Industries, died yesterday at his home in Portland. He had been in failing health for several months.

Benjamin F. Cleaves was born in Waterboro, Jan. 14, 1866, son of Seth and Mary A. (Hamilton) Cleaves, who were descendants of old and well-known New England families, particularly of Maine. Seth Cleaves, the father, was also born in Waterboro, in 1826. He was a millwright and lived in Maine during his lifetime. He died in January, 1880.

Mr. Cleaves received his early education in the public schools of this city and was graduated from Biddeford high with the class of 1885.

Immediately after the completion of the high school courses, he entered newspaper work. In 1886, he became a member of the editorial staff of the Biddeford "Standard" and remained with that publication for nine months. He spent the next three months as a member of the staff of the Biddeford "Times," after which he became a member of the staff of the Biddeford Daily Journal. He remained with the Journal

for two years.

He decided upon law as a profession and entered the office of Hamilton and Haley, local attorneys. He studied in that office until 1892, when he was formally admitted to practice at the bar of Maine. He formed a legal partnership with B. F. Hamilton, and this firm continued until 1898, when the firm of Cleaves, Waterhouse and Emery was formed in this city. In 1898, he was appointed judge of the municipal court.

While a partner in this widely-known law firm in 1914, Judge Cleaves was appointed chairman of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and served in that capacity until April, 1921. A few years ago he became legal adviser and legislative representative of the Associated Industries of Maine after having served as executive secretary of the association 15 years.

At the time he was appointed a member of the Public Utilities Commission he was judge of the municipal court in this city, a position in which he served for 16 years. He was succeeded by Judge George L. Emery, present superior court justice, as municipal court judge here.

Judge Cleaves was considered one of the most brilliant lawyers practicing before the Maine bar and as an executive of ability and

integrity.

His high moral standards and his upright character naturally brought early recognition, and his hard work and perseverance was rewarded while he was a comparatively young man, as evidenced by the fact that he was chosen as judge in 1898, but the underlying depth of the respect he instilled is more clearly shown by the fact that he served as a judge of this court for more than 16 years.

In his political views he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party; for more than two years he was a member of the board of aldermen, and for more than three years was chairman of the school board in this city. As a man and a citizen, he was noted for the manner in which he stood behind any movement designed for the welfare and advancement of his community—indeed, it may be conservatively stated that he contributed his share toward the cause of Christianity and the progress of civilization in his part of the country. He took a deep interest in the club and social life of his world. In 1927, he served as president of the Kiwanis club of Portland, and was affiliated with Dunlap Lodge of Masons in this city.

He married November 1, 1892, in this city, Retta L. Foss, who died July 27, 1939. They had 1 son, Burton N. Cleaves, born in Portland, May 1, 1907.

Judge Cleaves maintained his residence in this city on South street for a long time after moving to Augusta, when appointed to the Public Utilities Commission.

Judge Cleaves died at his residence, 283 Deering avenue.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at 749 Congress street, Portland.

Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery in this city.

FEBRUARY 6, 1941.

School Street House Damaged

Saco firemen were called on a still alarm at 6.28 this morning for a chimney fire in a two and a half story, three-floor house at 28 School street, owned by Arthur Andrews and in a tenement occupied by George Noble.

Firemen found that the fire had worked into partitions, and followed the chimney to the second floor. A bell alarm was sounded at 6.52 from box 324. Two lines of 2½-inch hose were laid, but the fire was handled with three booster lines.

Damage from the fire will amount to several hundred dollars, Chief Engineer Eugene T. Ricker stated. The fire resulted from a defective chimney.

The all-out signal was sounded at 7.21.

JUNE 30, 1941.

N. F. Tarbox Died Saturday In Winthrop

Nathaniel F. Tarbox died Saturday, June 28, in Winthrop, Mass. He was practically a life-long resident of this city, living on the Pool road.

He leaves three daughters, Helen W., Clara J. and A. Pearl, and one son, Nathaniel Tarbox.

The body was taken to the O'Maley funeral home, 79 Atlantic street, Winthrop, Mass., and will be brought to Saco tomorrow for interment in Laurel Hill cemetery.

His wife was the late Cora E. Tuttle Tarbox.

Portland Press Herald, July 8, 1940

Former Biddeford Judge Dies



Benjamin F. Cleaves

JULY 1, 1940

Well-Known Saco Resident Died Suddenly

Many local friends were caused profound sorrow yesterday to learn of the sudden death Sunday of Jesse C. Townsend, 60, master mechanic of the Bidde-



JESSE TOWNSEND.

ford and Saco R. R., a former resident of this city and of recent years a Saco resident.

Mr. Townsend had been working Saturday and was out Sunday before he was stricken.

He was born in this city, the son of Charles H. and Anna Bessy Townsend. After attending the local public schools and Biddeford high, he learned the trade of carriage maker at the Townsend Brothers carriage shop on Jefferson street, of which firm his father was a member.

When the Townsend Brothers business was closed, he entered the employ of the Biddeford and Saco R. R. as master mechanic, and was with this corporation until he went to work in the Pepperell Mills a few years ago.

While a resident of this city, he was interested in politics, and served as a member of the old city council here. After going to Saco he served as a member of the board of aldermen.

He was a member of Saco lodge F. and A. M., Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows, making an active interest in these organizations for several years.

Mr. Townsend was a member of the Biddeford fire department for several years.

He was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this city, Saco and vicinity.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Vera Townsend, he leaves a son, Wayne L. Townsend, a grandson, a sister, Mrs. Bessie Small of this city, three nephews and three nieces.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1940.

Ralph Perry Died Today

Served Saco as City Clerk

Ralph N. Perry, former Saco city clerk and a World war veteran, died this morning at his home in Camp Ellis, following a long illness. He returned from the Veterans Facility at Togus several weeks ago. His condition had been serious for several weeks.

He was born in West Chelmsford, Mass., son of George W. and Mary (Hearn) Perry. His age was 54 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Mr. Perry had been practically a life-long resident of Saco. He was educated in the Saco public schools and Thornton Academy, from which he was graduated in 1904, and from the school of the General Electric Co. in Lynn, Mass.

He served as a member of the legislature from Saco in 1922 and 1923, and also served several terms as city clerk of Saco, and was engaged as a salesman for some time.

Mr. Perry was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., York Chapter, Bradford Commandery, Annette chapter, O. E. S., and the Richard C. Owen post, American Legion.

During the World war Mr. Perry served two years in the United States Navy.

A man of genial disposition, Mr. Perry made many friends in Saco and vicinity.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Eva Perry, of Camp Ellis; a sister, Mrs. Molly Ring, Saco; a niece, Miss Ann E. Ring, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1940.

Mrs. Eva Sawyer Died Today

Mrs. Eva M. Sawyer, wife of Edwin J. Sawyer, chairman of the Saco Board of the Overseers of the Poor, widely known and highly respected resident of Pleasant street, Saco, for many years, died at a local hospital this morning after a lingering illness. Her age was 62 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Isaac and Mary Libby Milliken. Her education was received in the Saco schools. She was prominent in many of the leading social, literary and church organizations for many years when her health permitted. She was a past noble grand of Saco lodge of Rebekahs, a past matron of Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and held numerous offices in many of the ladies organizations of the United Baptist

OCTOBER 14, 1940.

MARRIED AT SACO SATURDAY



MR. AND MRS. ETHELBERT N. WHITNEY.
The bride was Dorothy A. Burnham before marriage. They were married Saturday in Saco.

—Photo by Daignault

church of which she was a member for many years. Her numerous charitable deeds for many of the unfortunate of the community seeking aid will long be remembered.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Earl C. Sawyer of Norway, and a sister, Mrs. George A. Boothby of North Conway, N. H.

NOVEMBER 13, 1940.

Canteen Corps Of Red Cross



MRS. JOHN BONSER, Chairman.

LOWELL, MASS.,

JANUARY 27, 1941

MRS. MARGARET MURKLAND.

Mrs. Margaret (Bacon) Murkland, a lifelong resident of this city died last evening at her home, 440 High street, aged 65 years, 2 months and 25 days. She is survived by her husband, Walter E. Murkland; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy B. Davis of this city, and two nephews, Horace S. Bacon and Stephen S. Bacon, both of Paris, Ky.

JANUARY 27, 1941

MURKLAND—In this city, Jan. 26, at her home, 440 High street, Mrs. Margaret (Bacon) Murkland, aged 65 years. Funeral services will be held at her home Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited. Burial private. Funeral Director William H. Saunders in charge.

Urbain J. Ledoux, of Mr. Zero Fame, Died Wednesday in New York

Urbain J. Ledoux, native of this city, who as Mr. Zero won national prominence and also made the metropolitan headlines on several occasions, one of which was plunging off the dock to swim after the Ford peace ship when refused passage to Eu-



URBAIN J. LEDOUX.

rope as the famous ship left New York City to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, died last night in New York City, following an extended illness. His age was 67 years.

Mr. Ledoux was born in this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ledoux. He attended schools here and later at St. Marys seminary in Marie Ville, P. Q., and at St. Marys college, Van Buren, to prepare for the priesthood. He was to become a Marist Father but gave up these studies and took up the study of law. At one time he said he then embarked on "a desultory and uncertain career."

He entered the consular service and spent quite a little time in this service for the United States government in Canada, Bordeaux and Prague.

Mr. Ledoux gave up his career in the consular service and returned here. For a time he conducted a restaurant in the Biddeford and Saco Country club on the Old Orchard road. At one time he managed the Hotel Rochester on Elm street, Portland, later renamed Hotel Unity. He was a frequent visitor at Old Orchard Beach in recent years, where his sisters conducted Hotel Vendome.

He married the former Mary White, also known as Mary Hall, an actress, in 1930 at St. Margaret's church, Old Orchard Beach.

His father died in Lewiston in 1932 and services were held at St. Margaret's church, Old Orchard Beach.

His death occurred only a few hours after his daughter, Mrs. Yvette Ledoux Malkine, an artist, returned on the liner, Excalibur, from Europe, bringing the news that her husband was reported to have just escaped from a German prison camp. He had served as a soldier in France.

In 1916, Mr. Ledoux threw everything aside to open a private rescue mission to aid human wrecks. He provided meals and oftentimes clothing for the human wrecks during the depression, raising thousands to aid him in this work. A Boston newspaperman tagged him as Mr. Zero during these activities, a name which appealed to Mr. Ledoux, and one which he used from then on in his activities.

He attracted considerable attention in 1921 when crowds of 5,000 or more were attracted daily to Boston Common where Mr. Ledoux "sold" 150 homeless men at public auction to bidders who had work for them that would provide them with places where they could eat and sleep. He moved on to New York and attempted to institute the auction block in 1928, but jobs were scarce and he did not meet with the same success as at Boston. He continued his New York activities, however, and became the Bowery's best friend.

On every holiday, including his own birth anniversary, he put on feasts for Bowery inhabitants. During the past two decades he operated the Old Bucks and the Lane Ducks club, the Tub and the Growlers, a near-beer parlor for unfortunates. Each summer he visited Old Orchard Beach, going back to New York to continue his activities in the interest of the unfortunate in the winter months.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary Ledoux; two daughters, Mrs. Malkine and Mrs. Lucille Bradshaw of Montreal; a son, Norman, of New York; two sisters, Miss Josephine Ledoux and Mrs. Aurise Leonard of Old Orchard Beach, and two grandchildren.

Arrangements for the funeral were not known here today.

JUNE 23, 1941.

F. O. Dearing Died Sunday

Was a Native Of This City

Former Alderman Frank O. Dearing, 79, a prominent resident of Biddeford for many years, and a retired foreman of the baggage department of the Union station of Boston & Maine railroad, died at the Buxton-Hollis hospital Sunday noon, after a two months illness. He had made his home at 7 Huntress street, Portland, in late years.

Mr. Dearing was born in this

city, the son of the late John M. and Susan Knight Dearing. He was educated in the local schools. For several years during his early life he was employed by his father, who conducted an undertaking business here for a long period of time. The Dearing family made their home on South street, near the former Newcomb shoe shop site. While a resident here he became interested in politics and for a time served as a member of the board of aldermen. Later he went to San Francisco, Calif., and during his stay in that section of the country learned the printer's trade. He returned to his native city some years afterwards and was employed in this occupation for some years at different printing plants in this vicinity. He next accepted a position with the Portland Terminal company in Portland, and retired about five years ago after 35 years of continuous service in the employ of the company.

He was a past noble grand of Fraternity lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member for 35 years; past president of the Noble Grands association; member of Beersheba Encampment, No. 50; trustee of Fraternity lodge, and a director of the Odd Fellows Hall company of Deering.

He is survived by his son, Theodore E. Dearing, with whom he resided; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Foss and Mrs. Belle Murphy, both of Saco; also several nieces

MARCH 21, 1941.

Miss Eunice Cleaves Well Known Saco Resident, Dead

Miss Eunice J. Cleaves, a widely-known and most highly esteemed life-long Saco and Biddeford resident, died at her home, 129 Beach street, Saco, late Thursday afternoon, following a long illness.

Mrs. Cleaves was born in Saco, the daughter of the late John T. and Mary Foss Cleaves. She was educated in the Saco schools. At one period of her life she and her late sister, Miss Emily Cleaves resided at the corner of Thornton and Elm streets, in this city. In late years, Miss Cleaves has lived in Saco and during the most of the winter months has resided at the Eastland hotel in Portland. She had a wide circle of acquaintances in the two cities and at Old Orchard Beach, who will be deeply grieved by her passing away.

For many years, she was a most active member and worker of the Second Parish Unitarian church and the Women's Alliance and Circle organizations connected with that parish. She was also a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, the Saco and Biddeford Garden club, and the Webber Hospital Ladies' auxiliary.

She is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Helen O'Rourke of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Marion Clifford of South Paris.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, 129 Beach street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Saco Girl To Be Bride Next June



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Miss Edith Stirling

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Stirling of Main Street, Saco, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Stirling, to Paul E. Reny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Reny of Orchard Street, Biddeford at a dinner party last week at Vallee's Inn.

Miss Stirling was graduated from Thornton Academy in 1935, and from Westbrook Junior College in 1938. She is employed in the office of the York Manufacturing Company at Saco.

Mr. Reny was graduated from Biddeford High School in 1934, and from Wentworth Institute, Boston, in 1937. He is connected with his father in the printing business at Saco.

The wedding will take place in early June.

AUGUST 21, 1940



SYLVIA ROSS.

JUNE 21, 1940.

Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, historian, opened the second part of the programme with a tribute to the 11 members of the association who died during the past year. The subject of her contribution was "The Gates Ajar." Mrs. Mason, an outstanding member of the alumni over many years, handled the assignment in her usual capable manner.

During her contribution she paid the following brief tributes to members of the association who died during the year:

Mrs. Ada Small Whitehead was born in this city and was graduated from Biddeford high school in the class of 1890. She was in business here a few years. After her marriage she went to Massachusetts. Returning here a few years since, she became interested in social events and active in club and church affairs. She was an electionist of merit, specializing in child-life imitations with much success.

Of this talent she gave freely for the benefit of charity and the pleasure of friends. She did her part toward making life better and happier. She is missed everywhere. She left us in August, 1939.

Roceltha Staples was born and educated in this city. She was graduated with the class of 1884, Biddeford high school.

She went into business with her sisters in the "Little Corner Store" soon after leaving school and became a successful business woman. She had hosts of friends and was a most loyal and helpful member of this association. She left us in August.

She found the gates open and joined those who had passed through.

Mrs. Ethel Heard Hill.

Mrs. Ethel Heard Hill was born and educated here. She was graduated with the class of 1902. She taught school here a few years until her marriage. She made her home in Portland and it was her life and in its ministrations her life was one of peaceful content. She passed away in September. She is missed in her home and by many friends.

Miss Mary Griney.

Miss Mary Griney was born and educated here. She was graduated with the class of 1892 and left us in 1939. She gave her life to her home and family, loved by them she let life pass her by unheeded. She is a great loss to the community and to us.

Daniel Jelleson.

Daniel Jelleson went away Dec. 4, 1939. Born here he was graduated in 1876. He was the youngest son of Judge Abel Jelleson, member of one of our oldest families and long connected with the department of education and did much for its advancement. After graduating he went into business with his father. Upon his father's death he sold out and went to Boston, taking a position in the Boston and Maine Railroad office. Later he became a great traveler and enjoyed life to the fullest. After his marriage he came back here and made it his home. A man of unusual sterling qualities, a good story-teller and a firm friend he was everywhere welcomed. With his passing the old family name ceases on the rolls of the Alumni association. It is deep regret we

close the page with "finis."

Mrs. Cora M. Stone. Miss Emma Hatch.

Mrs. Cora Morton Stone went away Dec. 12, 1939.
Miss Emma Hatch, Feb. 12, 1940.

Both were born and lived here through life. They were both graduated in the class of 1880. They were schoolmates and classmates from early childhood. Every flower here, breathes the name of Cora Stone. I do not recall a reunion when her flowers have not added to the beauty of our tables and decorations. These flowers send forth the fragrance of her living presence.

Emma Hatch was known and loved by every boy and girl, man and woman in this city. For 45 years, she was the librarian of our public library. With kindness and patience she pointed the way to a higher cultivation of our minds by her choice of the best literature of the world.

She was president of this association in 1912 and raised a scholarship for the high school for that year. They were both charter members and the reunion always found them at their table. Hand in hand, they traveled upward toward the peak of life, one scattering seed of beauty and fragrance by the wayside, the other seeds of knowledge that should lighten the pathway of life. Together, they reached the peak and faced the glories of the setting sun with shining eyes. One reached the gate and waited for her friend and together they reached the shining shore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridgman Knight.

Mrs. Knight was born and educated in this city. She graduated with the class of 1924.

She studied nursing at the Children's hospital, Portland, and took a course at the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven. After her graduation she returned to Biddeford and served as nurse in the Biddeford Chapter of the Red Cross. In 1929 she went to California and practiced her profession in the Hollywood hospital. She came back to Maine because of failing health. She married Ralph Knight of North Waterford and made her home there. She was prepossessing and lovable with a strong personality. She made friends everywhere she went. Much sorrow is felt at her going away at Waterford as in her native home.

Dr. Walter L. Watson, Class 1886.

A country doctor who made good. He was born in Massachusetts but came to Biddeford when eight years of age.

He was graduated from Biddeford high in the class of 1886. Deciding to become a doctor he went to Bowdoin college and Medical School and New York university. For several years he practised in Massachusetts and was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Association.

Finally love of Maine brought him back and he settled in the town of Monroe, where he practiced 37 years. He loved country life. He liked to see things growing. He liked neighbors and they loved him.

The whole county claimed his service, and he gave it. It was never too cold, nor too hot, nor the roads too bad. He answered every call. He had many interests. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the

Y EVENING, JUNE 21, 1940.

PRESENTED GIFTS BY ALUMNI



MRS. ELLA JORDAN MASON.

Honorary president and historian of Biddeford High alumni, remembered on 90th birth anniversary.

Portrait By Elite Studio.

American Museum of Natural History, the Canadian Forestry Association, the National Geographic Society and the Masonic Fraternities.

He went away March 25, 1940, aged 73 years. He was an honor to his profession in its service to humanity and to this Alumni association.

N. D. COLCORD:

Nathaniel D. Colcord, class of 1891, was born in Oxford county. He came to Biddeford in 1887 and entered Biddeford high and was graduated in 1891 as president of the class. He was exceedingly popular and made friends easily. He was an active member of this association, helping on all committees and writing us up when we needed publicity. He was on the reportorial staff of the Biddeford Daily Times for a few years and an enthusiastic member of the York County Wheelman club. Later he went to Portland and accepted a position on the Portland Daily Argus and Evening Express where he worked for 25 years, also he became the Portland correspondent for the Boston Globe. Becoming interested in politics, he was secretary to United States Representative Samuel W. Gould of the Third Maine district of the 63rd congress, 1911-12 and was elected Portland representative, Maine house 1915-16. He was a member of the Portland lodge of Elks. Services were conducted from the Elks' home. He was 68 years of age.

We are saddened by their go-

ing. We miss them from their accustomed places. Especially do we miss our older members on whom these many years we had depended on carrying on our work which to them was a labor of love. In sorrow we unclasped their clinging fingers and with tear-filled eyes we watched them pass through the Gates until the darkening shadows hid them from view.

Now in the stress and terror of today, Death may have been kinder than we thought. They are safe from harm in a peace beyond our understanding and, listening, softly we hear echoing and re-echoing back to us, go on, go on, go on.

NOVEMBER 12, 1940.

Lester C. Ayer Died Sunday

Summer Resident At Biddeford Pool

Lester C. Ayer, 52, manager of the Portland district of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for 21 years, prominent in Maine Elks circles, a brother of Judge of Probate Harry B. Ayer of Saco, died Sunday afternoon in the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Port-

by fire. This broke out dispatches were sent to Biddeford

land. He had been ill about three years.
He was born in Cornish April 8, 1888, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Ayer and was graduated from Cornish high school and a Portland business school. He was not married. He was a summer resident of Biddeford Pool.

He was honored by Elksdom in 1936 when he was elected grand esteemed loyal knight, third highest rank in the United States, at the annual convention in California.

He began a career almost paralleled by the communications industry in 1907 as night operator in the Cornish Exchange of the Ossipee Valley Telephone and Telegraph Company. The following year he was transferred to North Conway and in 1909 became manager of the Bridgton district, his duties including trouble-shooting, repair work, installations and administrative work. He was transferred in 1911 as manager of the Westbrook district of the Cumberland Telephone company and retained that position when the New England Telephone and Telegraph embraced independent companies in this section in 1914. He remained there until 1916 when he entered the Portland office as commercial representative. He became manager there in November, 1919, the local district including southwestern Maine. Since that time, subscribers have increased from 14,000 to 26,500. He was a member of the Westbrook city council and of the Chamber of Commerce while a resident there.

Mr. Ayer was a former secretary of the Portland Kiwanis club, a past master of Green-



Lester C. Ayer

leaf lodge, F. and A. M., of Cornish; a member of Kora Temple and a 32nd degree Mason. He was a past exalted ruler of Portland lodge, BPOE, a district deputy grand exalted ruler of Western Maine and a trustee of Portland lodge and of the Maine Elks association.

He is survived by four brothers, Leon, former Cornish selectman, Judge Harry B. Ayer of Biddeford, judge of the York county probate court, Fred J. of Biddeford, and Frank P. of Bangor, general counsel for the Bangor and Aroostook railroad.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Methodist church at Cornish.

Rev. Franklin P. Cole of the Williston Congregational church, Portland, will officiate and will be assisted by Rev. William Bennett of Cornish. The Elks memorial service will be conducted by Portland lodge of Elks. Interment will be in the family lot in Riverside cemetery, Cornish. Friends may see Mr. Ayer's

body at 749 Congress street, Portland, Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Probate Offices Closed.

The probate offices in this city and at Alfred will be closed Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, as the funeral of Lester Ayer, brother of Judge Harry B. Ayer, will be held during the afternoon.

JUNE 28, 1940.

**Dr. Milliken
Died in Saco**

Dr. Richard D. Milliken, lifelong resident of Saco and well-known dentist, died yesterday after a long illness, at his home 65 North street, Saco. His age was 69 years, 8 months and 19 days.

He was born in Saco, son of Lucius and Eliza (Dyer) Milliken. He practiced dentistry in Saco for 40 years and was known throughout New England and active in the New England Dental associations.

Dr. Milliken was also active in fraternal organizations, being a member of Saco lodge, I. O. O. F., and a 32nd degree Mason. In several other circles he had been active for many years up to his illness and was held in high esteem by many friends.

He leaves his wife.

Dr. Milliken was an attendant at the First Parish Unitarian church, Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

OCTOBER 9, 1940.

**Mrs. Cousens
Observes 88th
Anniversary**

**Former Local
Woman Is Active**

Her many local friends were pleased to hear that Mrs. Sarah Worth Cousens, mother of Mrs. William E. Shaw, of South street, this city, observed her 88th birth anniversary, October 6. At the present time she is living with another daughter, Mrs. Arthur L. Andrews, of the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Andrews' husband, Professor Andrews, is a former dean of the University of Hawaii, and is now in retirement.

A granddaughter of Mrs. Cousens, Miss Joan Cousens, has just returned to the United States from a year's visit with her grandmother while attending the University of Hawaii. She is the daughter of Clayton Cousens, formerly of this city, now living at Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., a son of Mrs. Sarah Cousens.

Mrs. Cousens will be remembered by many friends in this

December 10, 1939



Mrs. Arthur C. Tourignant of Saco

city and vicinity. For 35 years she was owner and proprietress of two of the largest millinery stores on Main street and was looked upon as York county's most successful and enterprising woman in trade. At the time of her retirement it was said to be doubtful if there was another woman in the state who could rival her in executive ability and up-to-date business methods.

Mrs. Cousens was born in this city, daughter of Stephen and Harriet (Bradbury) Worth, her mother being a descendant of the Bradbury family that dates its ancestry back to Mayflower days.

When she was 21 years of age she married Franklin H. Cousens, a native of Dayton, and went with him to Chicago, where he was in the produce business in what was known as the Field and Letter market at the corner of Twenty-second street.

After living in Chicago but a few years, and when their eldest child, a daughter, was but a few months old, they returned to this city and Mr. Cousens went into the fancy goods business. The same year Mrs. Cousens bought out the millinery business of a Miss Roberts, about to be married, and she continued at the same stand for many years.

After the death of her husband she continued to maintain a beautiful home at the corner of Kosuth and South streets. About 1907 she added a second store to her millinery business.

Mrs. Cousens represented that rare combination, the mother and home maker as well as being a woman of the business world. In addition to caring for her husband and children in the home, she had with her her mother and father in her home, caring for them until their death.

OCTOBER 11, 1940.

**Engagement
Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Meserve of Saco announce the engagement



DOROTHY I. MESERVE

of their daughter, Dorothy Irene, to Arthur Cary Harmon, son of Judge and Mrs. C. Wallace Harmon, of Saco.

Miss Meserve graduated from Thornton academy and is a student at Westbrook Junior college. Mr. Harmon was graduated from Thornton academy and is a student at Portland Junior college, in preparation for entering law school.

No date has been set for the wedding.



Top, left: Saco Falls, between Saco and Biddeford from the upper end of Factory Island as it looked in 1895.

At right: The Colonel Thomas Cutts house on Factory Island, Saco, formerly called Indian Island. The house was built in 1782 and has been taken down and reconstructed in Saco on the Ferry Road by Mrs. Gertrude L. Anthony of Bay View.

Below at left: The mouth of the Saco River at Camp Ellis. The breakwater may be partially seen in the left background. Wood Island, off Biddeford Pool, is seen in the left background.

At right: The Saco River at Saco from Spring's Bridge looking South.

By Mary Carpenter Kelley

Every foot of Factory Island which divides the Saco falls between the cities of Biddeford and Saco is historic soil. Probably no island in the New England area has been owned by so many men of great business acumen or has cradled so large a variety of important industries.

For Many Businesses

From those earliest times when, as one of the sagamores of the Sokokis who lived upon the island stated in council with the white men, "We received our lands from the Great Father of Life; we hold only from him," down the present, this bit of land has passed from one enterprising person to another and been the site of a series of prosperous businesses.

The first white proprietor of Factory Island was Major William Phillips, who arrived in Biddeford in 1660. He, it seems, had purchased

large holdings along the Saco in Boston the previous year and after taking possession became very much interested in lumbering. Accordingly in 1667 he sold one-half of the high rocky island to John Bonython for 800 pine trees suitable for making into lumber and the place was then called Bonython's Island for many years. Phillips' home was on the Biddeford side of the river so he retained the half opposite him and Bonython took the east half facing what is now Saco.

Bonython's Island in the course of the next century came to be called Indian Island, doubtless because be-

fore Phillips and Bonython it had been occupied by the sagamores, and was so known when in 1759 Col. Thomas Cutts of Kittery bought one-fourth of it for \$90. Here he engaged in trade, ship-building, and navigation and became so prosperous that in 1782 he built an elegant mansion in which he lived until his death in 1821, leaving an estate of \$100,000, which included all of the island. This beautiful house was taken down in the Fall of 1937 to make room for a tremendous power plant on the Saco cataract, and was purchased by Mrs. Gertrude L. Anthony of Bay View, who has had it reconstructed down on the Ferry road in precisely its original condition.

It was a large house, 40 by 50 feet and two and a half stories, built of huge oaken timbers fastened together with wooden pins, and closed in with pumpkin pine boards many of which were three and four feet in width. To this house the colonel's son, Richard, brought his bride, Anna Paine, the sister of President Madison's wife, Dolly, in 1804, and at the foot of York hill in front of the Mansion a triumphal arch was erected in honor of Lafayette's visit in 1824.

Up to the year 1757 when the Lottery Bridge was built between Indian Island and Saco, ferries had been the only means of communication between the villages on Saco and Biddeford shores and the island and for another decade a ferry only was used between the island and the Biddeford shore. But in 1767 Colonel Cutts and others built a bridge from the island to Biddeford. This was made a toll bridge the following year and both bridges were in use until 1785 when they were swept away by one of the

Saco's periodical rampages. Of course they were rebuilt and from time to time were destroyed again and replaced just as have been all the other Saco River bridges from Bartlett to Biddeford, ever since the first span was thrown across its temperamental waters.

In 1811 iron works were erected on the island by Colonel Cutts and Joseph Calef. Nails were manufactured and sent to Boston down river using the colonel's own boats and wharves. Four years after his death a Boston company purchased the greater part of the island and most of the power on both sides for a cotton factory, a canal was dug through solid rock and suitable buildings erected. These were burned on Feb. 1, 1830 and by 1872 the site had been taken over by the York Manufacturing Company. The whole island is now occupied by factory buildings, power plants, coal sheds, wharves and other commercial structures and the only reminder that once upon a time it was the peaceful abode of the red men is the roar of the plunging cataracts and the mists that rise from their waters even as in the days of Mogg Megone.

It is about seven miles from Factory Island to the mouth of the Saco and the river is navigable the entire distance. In fact as long ago as 1867 the Saco & Boston Steamboat Company was formed, giving the river cities direct communication by water with Boston, and until a few years ago steamers plied between Factory Island and Biddeford Pool. The "Augusta" and the "Samuel E. Spring" were two of the old river boats on which Biddeford and Saco folk used to take the beautiful trip down the Saco and among the little islands, Basket, Stage, Tappen, Wood with its lighthouse, and Gooseberry, off Fletcher's Neck at the entrance to the Pool.

Ferry Road all the way from Saco to Camp Ellis runs along the river and is one of the most beautiful drives in Maine with its historic houses which include the Cutts mansion and its glimpses of the ever-widening river, now a tidal stream bearing the smell of the sea of salt marshes and clam flats and reflecting the flight of gulls and wild duck.

Camp Ellis is a small but popular summer resort situated on the east side of the Saco as it enters the ocean. It used to be connected with Old Orchard Beach by a "dummy" railroad and a favorite trip of the up-river folk combined a sail down the Saco, a ride from Camp Ellis to Old Orchard Beach on the little train and the return to the city by trolley.

Shore Dinners

On the Biddeford side of a winding road follows the course of the river through a lovely country dotted with little old-fashioned houses, many of which are now owned by summer residents. On the Pool road may be

DECEMBER 10, 1940. JEF

L. A. Talbot Died Today

Was Grocer Here For Many Years

Louis A. Talbot, a well-known grocer in this city for many years, died this morning at his home, 268 Elm street, following a long illness. His age was 71 years, 9 months.

He was born at Misc, Que., the



LOUIS A. TALBOT

son of Louis and Celine Beaudoin Talbot and came to this city 49 years ago from L'Islet, Que.

Mr. Talbot started to work in the local mills and then went into a grocery store as a clerk, and later went into partnership with the late J. B. Pare of Water street, and finally bought his partner's interest. Mr. Talbot retired about 18 years ago. He owned quite a little real estate in this city and Old Orchard Beach at one time. He was much interested in civic affairs and was very charitable, aiding a great many at various times.

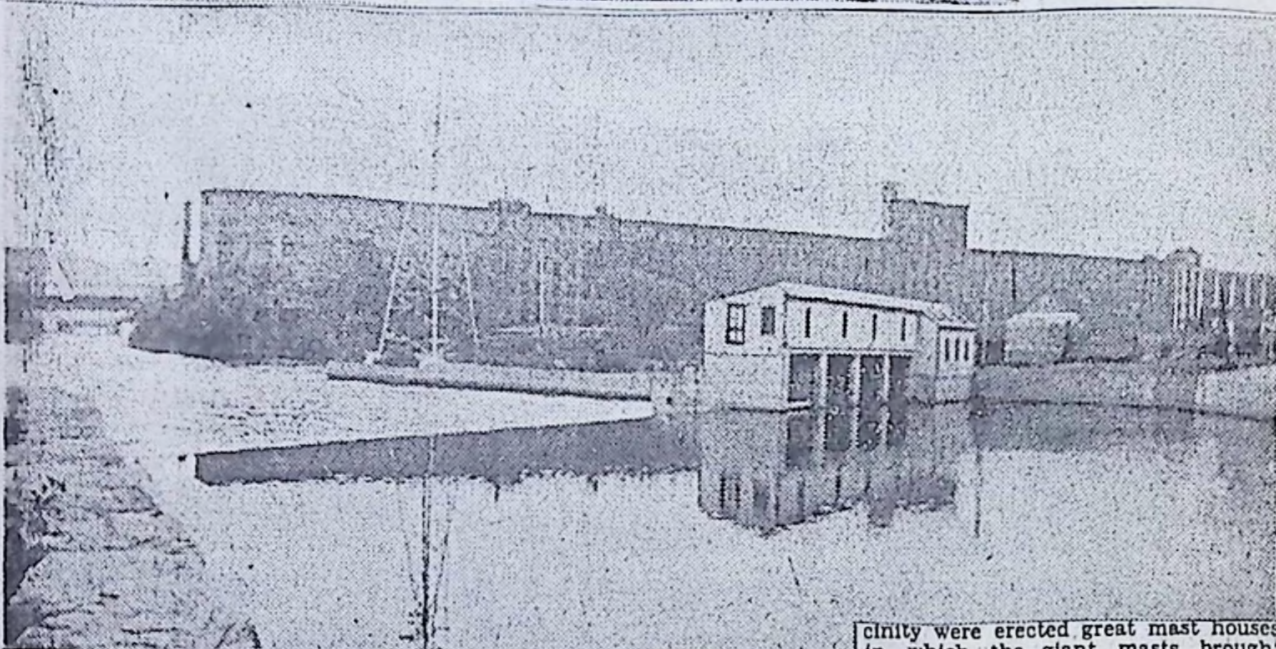
He was a member of St. Jean Baptiste society, Artisans Canadien Francais, the Catholic Order of Foresters, Court Champlain, the Sacred Heart League of St. Josephs and St. Andres parishes and the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Talbot served as assessor with Attorney Carlos Heard and Assessor Brooks during the term of Mayor N. B. Walker.

He leaves his wife, three daughters, Mrs. George Messier of Auburn, Mrs. Ralph Pinkham of Ogunquit, and Mrs. Antime Auger of this city; four grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Louis P. Pelletier of this city.

He was one of the best known French-speaking residents of the city and was held in high esteem by many friends in the city and vicinity.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at St. Josephs church, the hour to be announced tomorrow.



seen the School of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, formerly the fine two-century-old house built by Judge Rishworth Jordan. This is just beyond one of these farmhouse shore dinner places which 25 or 30 years ago made a drive to the Pool including dinner something to look forward to from one Summer to another.

Clams, lobsters and fish came out of the river at the back door; green corn, cucumbers, peas, or whatever was in season, out of the gardens in front; caramel ice cream and angel cake which were always served for dessert were made right there in the kitchen and in fact the only importation was the guest. Those dinners were the real thing and worth every penny of the two dollars and a half per plate, especially when the plate could be filled with fried lobster of clam patties as many times as the capacity of the customer could manage.

As the Pool road approaches Winter Harbor, now called Biddeford Pool, it passes along Leighton's Point before turning abruptly east to follow the narrow strip of sand and cottages known as Fletcher's Neck that separates the pool from the ocean. On Leighton's Point there is a monument to Richard Vines which should be seen by everyone interested in the history of Maine, for here a bronze marker set into a granite slab depicts the white men and the Indians around a common camp fire. Under the bas-relief are the words, "RICHARD VINES, agent of Sir FERDINANDO GORGES, to experience and report upon the CLIMATE of NEW ENGLAND, visits the Indians in their huts and passes the Winter of 1618 at the present LEIGHTON'S POINT, territory of BIDDEFORD, while his ship lay in the nearby WINTER HARBOR until Spring."

Ridlon calls Richard Vines the

founder of the Saco valley settlements as Vines visited the coast of Maine in 1609 and for the next 30 years was here most of the time. The first settlement was only a cluster of huts about the edge of Winter Harbor or the Pool and from there the English went inland little by little until the smokes from their cabins curled among the trees that clothed the banks of the Saco as far north as the big falls. Wigwams and cabins stood neighbor to neighbor in the forests, the white and red men tilled the same grounds, dug clams on the same flats and fished in the same waters in peace and friendship until, as Ridlon says, "the whiteman's fire-water was used as a medium for defrauding the red hunter of the spoils of the chase and imprudent seamen had angered Squando by the unwarranted overturn of the canoe containing his wife and child; but once the hatchet was raised all the horrors and sufferings incident to savage warfare were experienced."

Built Block-houses

Enmity having been kindled between the Indians and the English, the settlers built block-houses here and there on both sides of the Saco and for many years the river banks were the scene of massacres and burnings while often the Indians bore some white man away into captivity. Pendleton Fletcher, for example, who had received from his grandfather the 200 acres of land now called Fletcher's Neck, was with his two sons, taken captives in 1698, and died while held by the Indians. His son, Pendleton, was captured four times.

Around 1700 the building of ships was commenced at the mouth of the Saco by Col. William Pepperell, father of Sir William, and later on there by Col. Thomas Cutts. The first yards are supposed to have been near the present steamboat landing at Biddeford Pool and also in the vi-

cinity were erected great mast houses in which the giant masts brought from the northern forests were dressed and prepared for shipment to England by "mast-wrights." In 1759 one of the settlers at Winter Harbor kept account of his business of "masting," his payments to the "masters" and mast-men" who had gone into the woods "a-masting," and his charges for the masts. Some trees scaled as much as 6,000 feet, and four such giants brought \$1,200, according to Ridlon, who had one of the old account books.

Oldtime Fish Gone

Masts are no longer assembled on the Saco nor are ships built along its banks save for the construction of motor boats and other small craft. The industries of 150 and 200 years ago have given place largely to the resort business as far as the lower reaches of the river are concerned.

Even the kinds of fish that used to fill its waters have made way for other kinds, and not so long ago either. Where are the sturgeon that even 50 years back were plentiful in Saco Bay and half way up the river? Where are the swordfish and the sea bass which the waters off Biddeford Pool used to teem? The bluefish, too, have disappeared and fishermen claim that only the dogfish remain in as great numbers as formerly.

Thus the saga of the Swackadock River from the appearance of Richard Vines in 1609 to the present day reveals the advent and the passing of a succession of sagamores and settlers, wigwams and cabins, bridges and dams, mansions and mills, shipyards and mast houses, garrisons and factories, steamers and ferryboats. Each figure in the march of events has had its day, become obsolete and made way for the next. How well does Tennyson's song of the brook apply to the Saco River:

"For men may come and men may go But I go on forever"

At Commandery Formal Ball Saturday Night



Left: Seated—Mrs. Clarence Holt and Mrs. John Howat. Standing—Clarence Holt and John Howat.



Right: Seated—Mrs. Alfred Lawe, Mrs. Walter Stackpole. Standing—Alfred Lawe, Attorney Clarence B. Rumery and Walter Stackpole.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

JUNE 29, 1940.

Mrs. E. E. Page Died Friday

Was Widow of Agent Page

Mrs. Annie M. Page, widow of Elmer E. Page, for over 26 years agent of the York Mills of Saco, and prominent in society circles of that city for many years, died at her home on School street, Old Orchard Beach late Friday afternoon following a long illness. Her age was 83 years.

Mrs. Page was born in Norwich, Conn., the daughter of Peleg and Maria Moore Rose. During her residence in Saco she made a large circle of friends. Following the death of her husband, she removed to Norwich, Conn., where she resided for many years previous to returning to Maine and taking up her residence at Old Orchard Beach.

She is survived by six grandchildren, Mrs. Priscilla Page Burnham of Pine Point, Miss Cynthia Page, Old Orchard Beach, Robert A. and Arthur W. Page of Norwich, Conn., Mrs. Rose Ann Anderson of Norwich, Conn., and Mrs. Marion Wakenigg and two great-grandchildren of Devon, Conn.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JULY 17, 1940

Well-Known Saco Resident Died Tuesday

Clarence S. Burnham, widely known Saco life-long resident, for many years prominent in boating activities on the Saco river and for a long period of time employed at his trade of a brick-mason by different local and out-of-town contracting concerns, died at his home, 80 Lincoln street, Tuesday afternoon, following a long illness.

He was born in Saco Aug. 4, 1860 the son of Stephen and Henrietta (Kelley) Burnham. His early education was received in the Saco public schools. When a young man he learned the brick-mason's trade, and followed this occupation for a long period of years, being a member of the bricklayers' crew that erected many of the leading buildings in the business districts of the two cities. He was a lover of all branches of athletics and out-of-door life. For many years he was active in boating circles on the Saco river and operated a large motor boat that catered to many deep-sea fishing parties leaving Camp Ellis during the summer months. At one period of his life he operated the Camp Ellis pier and the store located at the entrance to the structure.

Mr. Burnham for a long period of years was one of Thornton academy's royal rosters and could most always be found along the sidelines at each major athletic contest participated in by teams representing that school. By his cheering and many witty remarks he strongly endeavored to encourage the players on to victory. In

his younger life he was quite active as an athlete and participated in many sports events staged in Saco and Biddeford.

He is survived by two sons, Frank of Saco and George of Pasadena, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Hayden, Saco, Mrs. Gladys Bloom, Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Isabel Marbel, Springfield, Mass., also several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JULY 2, 1940

Married at Saco Church

Justina Rice Made Bride

Justina E. Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hooper, Beach street, Saco, became the bride of William D. Quinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Quinney, Pool road, this city, early Sunday morning at the School street Methodist church. Rev. A. B. McAlister officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, 8½ Lafayette street, Saco.

The bride was attractively gowned in a grey-white ensemble with white accessories and a shoulder corsage of roses.

Mrs. Brown, the matron of honor, wore a gown of white sharkskin with rose accessories.

Mrs. Quinney, a graduate of Thornton academy, is employed at Old Orchard Beach, while the

groom attended Biddeford public schools and is employed in the Saco-Lowell Shops.

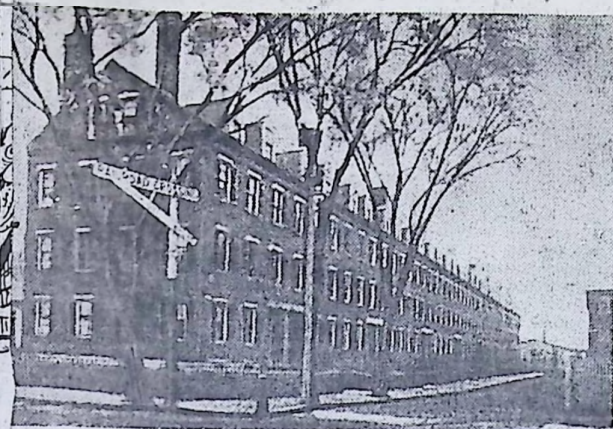
The couple will reside at 192 Granite street, this city.



Mr. and Mrs. William Quinney Recently Married

OCTOBER 5, 1940.

By PRESCOTT L. HOWARD



Pepperell Boarding House.

There are many people in and around Biddeford who remember the Pepperell Boarding house. It was located on the present site of the Cotton House. Built soon after the first Pepperell Division mill in 1850 the boarding house contained 256 rooms or 16 tenements. The building itself was 420 feet in length.

Each of the 16 tenements had a supervisor, more commonly known as a mistress. At number one there was a boarding house where many of the operatives could get their meals, especially at noon. A Mrs. Foss was the first boarding house mistress. She was later followed by Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, mother of Mrs. Ella Jordan Mason, who came about 1862.

Mrs. Rebecca Simpson was another mistress. In a notebook belonging to her under the date November 10, 1853, she rented a room to a Mr. Mason and listed: 1 feather bed, 1 straw bed, 1 instead, 2 comforters, 1 quilt, 1 pair of sheets and 1 pair of low cases, all at 12½ cents a week. Beside this a very small charge was made for the rental of the room.

Other tenants included a Mrs. Piper who lived at No. 6, whose daughter married Thomas Perry, principal of the Birch street grammar school and for whom the Emery school was named. Then there was Eugenie Ibs who came from Belfast and worked in the mill summers and attended Castine Normal school. After graduating she went to Holyoke, then to Stanford university in California, where she received a professor's degree and taught there. A Mrs. Ford lived at No. 16 and her daughter married David Webster, who was a well known local interior decorator. Moses Webster, cloth room overseer and founder of the hospital, boarded at No. 1 as did Mrs. Thomas Bradbury, wife of the overseer of the machine shop, while he was away fighting during the Civil war.

Every Saturday Night.

Though the building was very modern at that time it did not

have our present day conveniences. Soapstones and bricks were heated to keep the tenants warm at night during the winter season. There was a regular schedule for bath taking on Saturday. With one old-fashioned wash tub to each floor, employees who came out of the mill first were requested to hurry home to get their baths out of the way so that employees who worked later could use the same tub. It was the duty of each mistress to water headed to take care of the demands. This procedure may seem strange to us now but everyone did this nearly a century ago.

Then on July 29, 1909, they started to raze the building to give way to the present large cotton storehouse. The building, which was started in July, 1910, was built largely of bricks which were taken from the Boarding Block.

FEBRUARY 19, 1940.

Clement J. Benoit Well Known Resident, Dead

Clement J. Benoit, one of the best-known residents of this city, died at a local hospital Sunday, following a short illness. His age was 76 years, 6 months, 23 days.

Mr. Benoit, born in St. Dominique, Que., son of Charles and Emelie Clement Benoit, came to



C. J. BENOIT.

this city from Pawtucket, R. I., 48 years ago. He entered the employ of his brother, Arthur Henri

Benoit, at his local clothing store in Masonic building, one of the Benoit chain. He retired about 10 years ago when his health became impaired. Up to his recent illness, Mr. Benoit was able to get out each day and attended early morning mass every day.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart League of St. Andres parish, making his home in that parish for many years.

He was also a charter member of the Artisans society and the Franco-American lodge of Westbrook.

Although never active in public life, he was known and held in high esteem by many friends in the city and vicinity.

He leaves four sons, Clement, Jr., and Paul of this city, George of Saco and Raoul of Granby, Que.; four daughters, Mrs. John Davis of Saco, Mrs. Arthur Vallee of this city, Mrs. J. Walker Tormay of Falmouth Foresides and Rev. Sister Ancilla of the Presentation of Mary convent at Coaticook, P. Q., and a sister who is stationed at the Good Shepherd convent at Halifax, Rev. Sister St. Anastasia, the last member of the family.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Josephs church.

Mr. Benoit was a member of church societies and keenly interested in church affairs.

The body was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur J. Vallee of 102 Bradbury street, where he made his home for several years after retiring.

OCTOBER 1, 1940.

E. B. Pillsbury Died Monday

Conducted Famed Dinner Resort

Edward Blanchard Pillsbury of Imperial street, Old Orchard Beach, proprietor of the famous

Pillsbury shore dinner resort at Pine Point, died last night at a Portland hospital, following several months illness.

Mr. Pillsbury was born in Cape Elizabeth, October 22, 1874, the only child of I. Winslow and Elizabeth A. (Drown) Pillsbury. When he was a year old the Pillsbury family moved to Pine Point. Mr. Pillsbury, senior, established the famous shore dinner place which has had an uninterrupted existence for 60 years. It has been known nationally.

He attended school in Scarborough and took a three-year course in the high school, class of 1894. He then entered Gray's Business college, Portland, the same year. After finishing at business school, he was employed for two years in the general freight office of the Maine Central railroad, Portland.

Mr. Pillsbury then returned to Pine Point and became associated with his father in the shore dinner business. He continued during the lifetime of his father, and following the father's death he continued the business.

He was prominent in Masonic organizations, being a member of Orchard lodge, Old Orchard Beach, York Royal Arch chapter, Maine Council of Saco, Bradford commandery, Knights Templar, of this city; Kora temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, Lewiston; Minivanca chapter, Eastern Star, Old Orchard Beach, and he was also a 32nd degree Mason. He was active in the affairs of the York county Fish and Game association.

Mr. Pillsbury was twice married. His first wife was Mina Patterson. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Anna V. Pillsbury, whom he married 11 years ago; a son, Winslow H., of Cape Elizabeth; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Alanne, of Minneapolis, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home, Old Orchard Beach.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16, 1940.

REMEMBER THE OLD MILL BLOCKS.



Old York block at Saco, for years one of the famous boarding-houses where mill operatives roomed and boarded. This block outlasted the rest of the mill boarding-houses. It was located at the top of York hill between Main street and the railroad bridge on Cooch street.

Interesting History Of Saco Fire Department

An interesting history of the Saco fire department was read by Chief Eugene T. Ricker at the convention of Maine fire chiefs in Saco this week. This was compiled by Chief Engineer Riicker, with assistance of Albert L. Chellis, a former chief of the Saco department.

As the history may prove interesting to Saco residents and others interested in the department, the Journal will endeavor to publish the entire history in installments, as space permits.

The history, as read by Chief Ricker was as follows:

The city of Saco, being one of the oldest settlements in the state of Maine, was one of the first to provide fire protection for its inhabitants.

Although the writer could find no records on fire protection previous to 1834, it is known that such fire protection was in existence in Saco during its early history and through the colonial days in an unbroken chain down on through the years to the present time.

The first organized fire-fighting unit that there are records available on was organized in the year 1834, with the following set of rules and regulations, and was named the "Saco Mutual Fire Club."

Preamble.

Wishing to render mutual assistance to each other, and to each of our neighbors, in the hour of peril by fire, we the subscribers, have associated under the name of the "Saco Mutual Fire Club," and convinced that in such an institution order is indispensably necessary, we agree to be governed by the following regulations:

Article I. This society shall be governed by a president, vice president, secretary and a standing committee of three, to be chosen from the members at the annual meeting, and a majority of the whole number of votes shall be requisite to constitute a choice.

Article II. There shall be two regular meetings of the club, yearly, an annual meeting on the 4th Wednesday in January, and a semi-annual meeting on the 4th Wednesday in July, at such hour and place, as the secretary, with the advice of the president, may direct.

Article III. To entitle any person to admission into this club, he shall be 21 years of age, and shall on ballot at some regular meeting, receive a majority of votes of the members present, and shall sign the Constitution and provide himself with two leather fire buckets and a fire bag, which shall be used for no other purpose. Said bag shall be large enough to contain at least three bushels.

Article IV. It shall be the duty of the president to preserve order and regularity, and with the vice-president to examine the accounts of the secretary, and report at the annual meeting.

Article V. The vice-president shall, in the absence of the president, preside, and in the absence

of both, the secretary.

Article VI. Any member having anything to communicate relative to the club, shall address the presiding officer.

Article VII. Every member present shall give a vote on all questions brought before the club, and in case of equal division the presiding officer shall give a casting vote.

Article VIII. It shall be the duty of the secretary, to attend all meetings of the club, and record all their proceedings, and to demand and receive all fines and assessments—he shall also notify each member of every meeting, by leaving or causing to be left at his dwelling, a notification, stating the time and place of meeting. He shall call the roll precisely at the

time expressed in the notification, and upon application of six members, he shall call a special meeting at the time requested—he shall also, with the advice of the president, provide a supper at each annual meeting, at such place as they shall direct.

Article IX. It shall be the duty of the standing committee to visit the residence of each member once in six months, and to report to the club the state of their buckets and bags.

Article X. It shall be the duty of the members at the alarm of fire, to repair immediately with the buckets and bag, to the place where it appears, and if the property of any member is in danger, they shall exert their utmost endeavors to assist him, or them, in securing his or their effects. Each member shall keep at his dwelling or at such place as shall be agreed upon by the club, in some conspicuous place, as near the door as may be, two buckets and a bag.

Article XI. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the club, each member shall pay to the secretary 25 cents at each annual and semi-annual meeting.

Article XII. Any loss of buckets or bag in the time of fire, shall be sustained by the club, provided the owner advertises the same three weeks successively, beginning within three days of the actual loss.

Fines.

Article XIII. Any member neglecting to keep his buckets in order, and in a suitable place, one dollar—his bag, 50 cents.

Article XIV. Any member absent at roll call, 12½ cents—if absent all the evening, 25, and no member shall be excused for being absent at roll call or during the evening except for sickness.

Article XV. Each member of the committee shall be subject to a fine of \$1 for neglecting to examine the buckets and bags of each member, once in six months.

Article XVI. Any member neglecting to pay his fines and assessments, shall be expelled from the club.

Article XVII. Any member having paid all his dues to the club, and advised the secretary of his intentions to withdraw therefrom will cease from that time to be a member thereof.

Article XVIII. The preceding

adopted and signed, shall not be repealed or amended, except with the concurrence of a majority of the members present at the annual meeting in January; and no person shall be considered a member of this club until he shall have signed these regulations.

The Saco Mutual Fire club provided fire protection for the town of Saco by the methods herein outlined until the year 1848, when the fire hand engine was purchased from Hunneman company of Boston, which was called the "Niagara." This company was organized in 1848 and was known as "Niagara Company Number 3," with the following members: Tracy Hewes, foreman; Oran Edwards, second foreman; Charles B. Fuller, third foreman; George F. Mullen, clerk; James Brackett and Benjamin F. Ridlon, hose masters. Cost of the engine and apparatus, \$1,400. Number of members, 85. This engine was kept in an engine house situated on Pepperell Square.

In 1849 there were three reservoirs in Saco, namely: One at the corner of Main and Beach streets; one on School street and the third at the head of Free street.

In the year 1854 another hand engine was purchased from Hunneman of Boston which was named the "Deluge." A company was formed in the same year to man this engine and was known as "Deluge Company Number 4." This engine was situated on Free street in a building provided for that purpose with the following members: Rufus P. Tapley, foreman; Charles Nutter, second foreman; James H. Burbank, clerk and treasurer; James Brackett, pipe man; John T. Cleaves, assistant pipe man; James Jose, steward. Leading hosemen: Nathan Bangs; Moses Chandler; Robert Tounge; Thomas C. Bradbury; Frederick Fenderson; Joseph Fenderson and Frank Fenderson. Suction hosemen: David B. Towle; Richard Leavitt 3rd; Thomas Boyd and Austin Bryant. The number of members was 60. Regular meetings were held the first Monday of each month.

In the report of Chief Engineer Charles Twambley, March 10, 1862, he states that the fire wardens, as authorized by the town at the last regular meeting contracted with Owen B. Chadbourne to build a hook and ladder truck at the cost of \$240, plus \$20 for extras to go with said truck. He reports that the truck is in active service and that a hook and ladder company has been raised from among our citizens, containing about 33 members and organized by the support of the following officers: C. D. Hanson, first director; Daniel L. Tappan, second director; Samuel Edgecomb, clerk; and Ezra T. Wentworth, treasurer. They have adopted the name of "Union Hook and Ladder Company Number 1."

The town buildings on Free street were put in comfortable repair for the use of this company with a convenient meeting hall. Chief Twambley also reports that due to the enlistment of our firemen in the military service of our country, the fire companies at one time became very much reduced, but by the timely co-operation of the engineers, the companies have been very well filled up and are now in a good state of efficiency. The "Niagara Company" by this report of 64

members, the "Deluge Company" 43 members, and the "Union Hook and Ladder Company," 33 members.

In the town report of March 2, 1863, the following information is available. In consequence of the resignation of chief engineer and 3 assistants, the direction of the fire department devolved upon two remaining wardens who offered their report to the town.

It is unnecessary to speak of the causes which led to the breaking up of the two fire companies, who had rendered such efficient service for so many years. This organization was broken up May 3, 1862, and upon the call of the selectmen, the two companies were organized immediately by volunteers. At this time a plan is in contemplation for Saco and Biddeford to unite in the purchase of a steam fire engine to be located on Factory Island.

In August, 1864, a new steam engine was purchased and put in operation which was named "Saco." This replaced the "Niagara" hand engine which company was disbanded. The "Deluge" hand engine being in the best conditions was retained for service.

This steam fire engine was built by Amoskeag Manufacturing Company of Manchester, N. H., which cost \$3,236. Twelve hundreds feet of linen hose was also purchased at this time. A contract was drawn with Joseph Stevens to haul this engine to fires with his horses, the same not to be taken over three-fourths of a mile from the town house.

At this point it will be noted that the idea of purchasing a steam fire engine by Biddeford and Saco combined was not agreed to, Saco making the purchase for their own use.

The fire wardens report of 1866 is the final report under the town form of government, due to the fact that by legislative act, Saco was incorporated as a city in 1867. The property in charge of the department at this time consists of the following: Steam fire engine built in 1864, hose carriage and 1150 feet of Clark linen hose, another apparatus valued at \$4,500, one hand engine, the "Niagara" built by Hunneman 1848, and 250 feet of new linen hose (but no hose carriage) valued at \$1,300. The hand engine the "Deluge" built by Hunneman in 1854, a 4-wheel hose carriage, 850 feet of leather hose and other apparatus valued at \$2,000, a hook and ladder truck valued at \$450. At this time there were 13 granite reservoirs for water. Their capacity averaged 20,000 gallons each.

In 1866 four of Oyston's stream spreading nozzles were purchased at an expense of \$120. This was called a great improvement on the hand type of nozzles, as the pipe man could play a solid stream on distributing at his option. A sled was constructed to take the steamer to fires in the winter time.

In 1867 with the incorporation of Saco as a city, the office of fire warden was abolished and in its place the board of engineers consisting of a chief and two assistants was established, Charles Twambley as chief engineer. A new hose carriage was purchased for the "Niagara" hand engine. This year the hook and ladder

house was consumed by fire. This report suggests that special police be appointed, whose duty it shall be, in case of fire, to keep back the crowd, protect the property and enforce the laws.

The steamer "Saco" was sent for by the city authorities of Portland on July 4, 1866, to assist in staying the devouring elimination that was at that time sweeping over the city. (The Portland conflagration of 1866) and in 40 minutes from the time the dispatch came the engine and men were to work in Portland doing what they could to stay the flames under the most hazardous and most trying circumstances. This they continued to do for about 24 hours when all the water was used that could be found. They then returned home with the engine in working order but very dirty, 350 feet of steamer's hose was destroyed by this fire which was immediately replaced with a like amount of new hose by the city of Portland. Following is a letter from the chief engineer of the Portland fire department.

Chief Engineer of Portland, Maine, July 25, 1866.

To Saco Engine Co. No. 1, Steamer:

Gents: The board of engineers of the Portland fire department would greatly express our heartfelt thanks for the timely and valuable service of your company at our late destructive fire, and to assure you, gentlemen, that the prompt manner in which you responded to our call will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Yours very truly,

Spencer Rogers, chief engineer.

John L. Shaw, secretary.

The report of Chief Engineer Mark Prime of March 6, 1869, was that an organization known as Fire Police was in existence at that time. Also that the "Niagara" hand engine was recommissioned and once again be into actual service.

March 11, 1871, the report of O. B. Chadbourn, chief engineer, states that the "Saco steamer" has been removed from the rooms under the city hall to the new house on Thornton avenue and the "Niagara" hand engine has taken her old place under the city hall. This report was recommended the purchase of another steam fire engine be made by an early date as an addition to the department.

In August, 1871, an additional steam fire engine was purchased at a cost of \$4,610.50 and was named "The Governor Fairfield," in honor of the former governor, John Fairfield, of the state of Maine, a native son of Saco. Hose, costing \$1,200, was also purchased.

The two hand engines with the two steam engines were in service at this period.

In the report of 1874, of Chief Augustus Lord it is indicated that the two hand engines "Niagara" and "Deluge" were out of service having been disposed of, receiving therefrom the sum of \$66. There are four horses in the department.

In 1875, on Feb. 5, a fire occurred in the stable attached to the engine house on Thornton avenue. The horses were somewhat affected by the smoke but fully recovered. Estimated damage of the fire was \$25.

On July 21, 1875, a fire caused by the burning of the Old Orchard house, Old Orchard Beach, causing a loss estimated from \$80,000 to \$100,000. As soon as the fire

broke out dispatches were sent to the city of Portland and Biddeford for assistance. It will be noted at this time that Old Orchard was part of the city of Saco. At a later date, Jan. 15, 1876, Old Orchard was again visited by another conflagration with a loss estimated at \$12,000.

Up to the present time it was customary for the Saco and Biddeford fire departments to go to each other's assistance without being formally called. In November, 1876, an arrangement was made by the chief engineer of the Saco department, Augustus Lord, and the chief engineer of the Biddeford department to do away with each department from going to the assistance of the other until receiving a signal, which is by ringing the second alarm. This procedure is now in existence in the year 1941.

The report of Chief Engineer Augustus Lord, in 1879, shows that a circulating steam heater was installed in the fire station, being attached to the Governor Fairfield steamer to keep the water in the boiler of the engine at a boiling point. One thousand feet of new hose was also added.

In September, 1880, Chief Lord reported that he had installed into the river on Water street two 4-inch cast iron pipes to act as fire plugs. Thus, it is hereby shown that Saco had so-called dry hydrants over 60 years ago.

On Nov. 10, 1881, while Saco had Old Orchard Beach as part of the city, a conflagration occurred at that resort. The local fire department at Saco was handicapped in respect to fires at the beach, due to an approximate distance of three and one-half miles to get there.

In the year 1883, the steamer "Saco" was also equipped with a circulating steam heater. Chief Lord's report of 1884 recommends the purchase of another steamer.

In the year 1885, a water system was installed with 42 hydrants. Also one hose carriage was added to the department in 1886, according to the report of Chief Jason C. Hooper.

In the year 1895, a Gamewell electric fire alarm system was installed, according to the report of Chief Engineer Austin B. Bryant, costing \$2,705.96. In 1896, Chief Engineer Charles L. Goldthwaite reported that said fire alarm system was finally completed and accepted March 27, 1896, with 13 boxes installed. On Feb. 15, 1897, there was 5,200 feet of fire hose on hand.

DECEMBER 14, 1940.

Old Laconia Boarding Blocks.

The story regarding the old Pepperell boarding block, published several weeks ago, commanded many requests for a similar story relative to the Laconia blocks.

This picture scene was directly at the foot of York street and where mill 13 is now. There was another set of blocks similar to this situated toward Main street, making a total of four boarding and rooming blocks.

These buildings, which were constructed about 1845, originally contained 24 "boarding houses," but several years later they were converted into tenements, making about 40 apartments.

Mrs. Ann Clark, mother of the late Ada Clark, former Biddeford



school teacher, was one of the boarding mistresses in the building at the left. Across the street from her was Mrs. Moulen, mother of Hattie Moulen, a former employee and grandmother of George Moulen, a former second-hand. A Mrs. Foss was mistress in the first tenement in the building on the right.

Boarding house mistresses in the other set of blocks not seen in the above picture were a Mrs. Hamilton and a Mrs. McAnna whose son was a machinist at the Pepperell for years. Across the street was a Mrs. Knox and next to her a Mrs. Pool. Of course, there were others but these names will recall many incidents in the lives of people now living in Biddeford.

Moses Miliken, who was employed here at Pepperell for 52 years and recently retired, used to deliver milk daily to these tenements for his father, who owned a large dairy farm. It is interesting to note that Moses delivered 126 quarts each morning at the rate of five cents a quart.

Water to these blocks was supplied from the reservoir owned by Pepperell which was located across from the present Birch Street school. The Laconia, as well as the Pepperell had pumps which took the water from the river and forced it up the water main on Washington street to the reservoir. The home of Agent William P. Haines and others along the route were supplied with water from this source.

In the cellars of the boarding blocks were brick tanks in which the tenant's clothes were washed. Eels from the river presented a problem at times, for they got into the pipes and prevented the flow of water. This was especially bad if it occurred on Saturday when everyone was all ready to take his or her bath. But you couldn't fool the tenants, for an extra barrel filled with water was kept in each house for such an emergency. Incidentally, these were used pork barrels. When the Pepperell system was converted to the city water works about 1885, eels no longer caused discomfort for the tenants.

Weekly rental costs at the houses were \$2.50 for men and \$2 for women. The cost for board was at a minimum, for the rates were six dinners for a dollar or about 17 cents each. Breakfast or supper was 12 cents.

In the rear of each block was a one-story shed originally constructed of wood but later replaced by a two-story brick one, built by John Garside, grandfather of Arthur Garside, who is

now employed in the carding department of the sheeting division. There was just enough space between these sheds and the present No. 15 mill to deliver wood hauled by ox team.

Years ago, during the winter season, children used to slide by bobsleds on York street, starting in front of the present main office and coasting as far as the fence in the picture. One of these fellows was Amdece Cote, who is and has been employed by Pepperell for 60 years.

At one time when the number of operatives was at a premium, John Buckley, then foreman of the Pepperell yard, was sent to Ireland and returned with a number of young ladies. All these girls boarded with Mrs. Knox, the mistress previously mentioned.

As time went on, rooming conditions improved in Biddeford and the mill was forced to expand so the boarding blocks were razed in 1909. In tearing down the blocks it was found that the wooden framework was pinned together with wooden pegs and some of the boards were three feet in width. E. C. Stone was awarded the contract to demolish the buildings.

One Tree, Slippery Elm.

All the bricks were saved and

used on the interior walls of the present mills built the following year on the site of the boarding blocks. The building necessitated the cutting of branches from several of the elm trees on Laconia street. Nahum Pillsbury, master mechanic at the time, discovered that one of the trees was a slippery elm tree and sold some of the bark to a Portland druggist. Interesting to note too that the trees shown in the picture are still standing.

There are many people who are now employed here or live in Biddeford, who have boarded and roomed in these historic blocks. No doubt they will be glad to tell you more, but limited space prevents us from so doing.

JANUARY 14, 1941.

Mary W. Thomas

Former Saco

Resident Dead

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Mrs. Mary W. Thomas, widow of the late E. D. Thomas, passed away Jan. 3, after a long illness. She was born in New Hampshire and lived for a time in Saco before living in California.

Funeral services were private. Cremation followed the service.

JANUARY 22, 1941.

Business Leader Dead



CARLYLE P. ATKINSON
General Manager of Local Firm Died Last Night

Carlyle P. Atkinson Prominent Business Leader Here, Dead

Carlyle P. Atkinson, vice president and general manager of the H. P. Atkinson & Sons, Inc., of this city and Saco, died at a local hospital last night at 9 o'clock after an illness of two months duration. December 2nd he went to a Boston hospital for a glandular operation, after which pneumonia set in, followed by complications.

In the passing of Carlyle Atkinson this community loses an honored and highly respected citizen, and the Atkinson & Sons employees have lost a true friend and advisor.

Mr. Atkinson never aspired for political honors, believing that business and politics did not mix. Under his general supervision the Atkinson business has grown each year, until today it is a very prosperous business.

Mr. Atkinson was born at Sackville, N. B., April 30, 1878. He came to Biddeford in 1896, when eight years old. He was graduated

from the Biddeford high school in the class of 1898. Upon the completion of his school course he entered the employ of his father, the late H. P. Atkinson, at his furniture store, and early proved his worth, rising from a common clerk to vice president and general manager.

December 1st, 1920, he was married to Miss Dorothy Scott of this city.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. and A. M., of this city; Royal Arch Chapter, Bradford Commandery, K. T.; Maine Council, R. and S. M.; Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Biddeford and Saco Fish and Game Association; charter member of Biddeford and Saco Chamber of Commerce, serving as a vice president and director for many years; a former member and director of Biddeford and Saco Rotary club.

Besides his wife, he leaves one brother, Milton S. Atkinson, manager of the Saco store, and four

sisters, Miss Gertrude B. Atkinson, Miss Violet A. Atkinson, Miss Beatrice C. Atkinson and Mrs. Ernest L. Harmon, all of this city; a nephew, four nieces and a grandnephew.

The funeral services will be held from the home, 31 Orchard street, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and will be private.

Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

JANUARY 25, 1941.

By PRESCOTT L. HOWARD

The Schooner Laconia and River Traffic on the Saco

There are a few people in Biddeford who can remember the tremendous amount of river traffic on the Saco. The bulk of this was a result of the Pepperell Mills being situated here. In fact, back in 1847 at the shipyard of E. E. Perkins the schooner "Laconia" was launched. At a value of \$5,000 and capable of carrying 100 tons it was built for

the coastal trade, bringing cotton from Boston and returning with baled cloth.

Nathaniel Faulkner was captain and lived near Ferry Lane on the Pool road. Records show that the captain made the round trip in four days but usually, six or more were required.

During the winter, when the river was frozen, boats landed at Ferry Lane and discharged the cargoes. Elephalet Walker, a truckman whose stables were on Washington street, did much of the hauling of cotton from the lane to the mill. His charge for trucking was 15 cents a bale with eight bales to a team.

Beside the schooner "Laconia," the "Susan Baker" and "Karil" were owned by the Pepperell according to an order dated August 1, 1848, and signed by both treasurers of the York and Laconia companies. An agreement was reached whereby these three schooners were to divide the amount of freight for both companies.

On May 2, 1859, the schooners, "Lamartine," "Laconia," "Emblem," "Bradore," "Kossuth" and "Jack" all came loaded with cotton. Frequently there would be between five and ten schooners arriving or departing daily.

Other frequent visitors were the "Olvarado," "Mariel," "Luey," "Trade Wind," "Kout" and "Brigadier General Boyd." The sloop "Northern Light" used to ply between here and Portland taking granite from here. The schooner "Caroline" with Captain Gray called many times, bringing corn, flour, rye, pork and lard consigned to John Gilpatrick who kept store on Storer street in Saco.

Another illustration was on May 28, 1859, when the schooner E. G. Buxton came from New York loaded with corn, flour and cement for J. G. Deering. Two days before, the schooner "Chance" with Capt. Kallock brought corn and flour from New York to R. Jordan, Jr.

During this period the steamer "Clipper" was making regular trips to the Pool, and we must not forget that at this time the monster steamboat "Great Eastern" was launched in England. Only 42 passengers could be found to make the trip to the U. S. A. in this sidewheeler, with

six masts, five iron and one wood. The words "Great Eastern" were on the tongues of everyone. It was the monster of the seas. To compare this with the "Normandie" it was just 301 feet shorter.

After the Western Division Railroad was built in 1873 river traffic on the Saco lessened considerably. Where once were five or more daily sailings, today only an occasional coal barge or lumber schooner arrives.

JULY 10, 1940

Mrs. Ella F. Dow Died Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella F. Dow, a former prominent Biddeford resident for many years, died at Augusta, Tuesday, where she had been staying for the past several years. Her age was 85 years, 7 months and 14 days.

She was born in Portsmouth, N. H., the daughter of Andrew and Sarah Sheehan Marden. She had a large circle of acquaintances in Saco and Biddeford and was held in the highest of esteem by her numerous surviving relatives and friends.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph B. Dow, Saco, and Ernest H. Dow of Biddeford; a sister, Mrs. Charles C. Russell, of Exeter, N. H.; also a granddaughter.

Mrs. Dow was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She served twice as regent of Rebecca Emery chapter here, and also served as state auditor of the state chapter. She took a keen interest in affairs of the chapter for several years.

Funeral services, which will be strictly private will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

MAY 23, 1940.

A. E. B. Floyd Died Today

Ambrose Ernest Beauregard Floyd, well-known resident of Saco, former telegraph operator for the Boston and Maine, died at his home, 10 Hill street, Saco, early this morning. His age was 77 years, five months and eight days.

He was born in Saco, son of Ephraim and Olive (Small) Floyd.

Mr. Floyd was educated in the schools of Saco and was graduated from the old Saco high school in 1878 at the age of 15 years. He learned telegraphy and for 50 years was employed on the Boston and Maine, stationed in Saco, Newburyport and Salmon Falls. He was a member of the old Wheelmen's Association.

He was known and held in high esteem by many friends in Saco and vicinity and among veteran Boston and Maine workers.

Funeral services will be held at o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Dena Floyd, and two sons, Chester E. Floyd of Danbury, Conn., and Ralph H. Floyd of Naugatuck, Conn., and three grand-children.

DECEMBER 23, 1940.

A. M. Seavey Died Sunday

Prominent in Business Circles

Alton M. Seavey, 55, prominent Saco resident, a 32nd degree Mason and active figure in the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club,



ALTON M. SEAVEY

proprietor of the A. B. Seavey and Son store on Main street, Saco, died Sunday at a local hospital after several months illness.

Mr. Seavey was born in Saco, son of Albert B. and Nellie (Ladd) Seavey. He was educated in the Saco schools and Thornton academy. While at Thornton he was active in athletics.

Shortly after he finished at Thornton he became associated with his father in business at the A. B. Seavey store, dealer in music, musical instruments and bicycles. Upon the death of his father he took over the business and had conducted it since.

Mr. Seavey was interested in photography as a hobby and had one of the best collections of photographs in this section.

He took an active interest in fraternal organizations and service clubs. He served as vice president of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club and had been prominent in the club for several years. He also served as president of the York County Wheelmen's association, secretary of the Laurel Hill Cemetery association, and was a member of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M., York Chapter, Bradford Commandery, Knights

Templar and the Kora Shrine club, in all of which organizations he took a deep interest and gave much time assisting in activities.

Mr. Seavey, although a man of quiet and unassuming disposition, had always been active and an interested worker in many circles. He had a host of warm friends in Saco and vicinity by

whom he was held in high esteem. In business circles he enjoyed an extensive acquaintance and was one of the most highly esteemed men in the local business field.

He was generous in giving his time and other assistance to many worthwhile civic projects.

He leaves his widow, Lenora Roberts Seavey, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 80 Temple street, Saco, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Members of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club are requested to meet at the Seavey home, at 1.50 tomorrow afternoon.

APRIL 9, 1941.

J. L. Burnham Died Today

Was Telegraph Editor on Journal

James L. Burnham, for several years telegraph editor on the Journal, also employed on other



JAMES L. BURNHAM.

newspapers in Boston and New Jersey for a time, died today at a local hospital, following an extended illness. Mr. Burnham retired several months ago because of his health and had been at a local hospital several weeks. His condition had been critical for quite a few days.

Mr. Burnham was born in this city, March 23, 1872, a member of one of the oldest Biddeford families and residing for years on Bradbury street, near Main, in the old Burnham house. He was graduated from Biddeford high and attended Bowdoin college.

He always said that he was brought up in the newspaper game. At the age of 12, he was employed as a newsboy on the Journal and after finishing school here, he entered the employ of the Journal as a hand compositor. Later he became a reporter and an advertising solicitor, and he remained with the paper until 1902.

Desiring a wider field, he left the Journal and for 15 years was employed as a copy reader, city editor and managing editor of papers in Philadelphia, New Jersey and Boston. He returned to the

Journal, however, and became telegraph editor. Before returning to the Journal, he was employed for a time in the Saco-Lowell Shops.

Mr. Burnham was greatly interested in local history and was quite an authority on the subject, acquiring quite a store of information on the early days and residents of Biddeford, Saco and vicinity.

He was a member of the old Wheelman's association and the Masonic bodies.

Mr. Burnham has made his home in Saco for several years. His brother, the late Harry H. Burnham, was principal of the high school several years.

He leaves his wife and one son, Harry Burnham, of Saco, and a brother, Attorney John F. Burnham of Birmingham, Ala.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been made today.

JULY 12, 1941.

Eugene O. Hill, Railroad Supt., Died Suddenly

Well-Known Saco Resident Was Highly Esteemed

Eugene O. Hill, superintendent of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad Co. for over 20 years, one of the most widely known and highly esteemed residents of the two cities, died suddenly at his home, 304 Beach street, Saco, Friday evening. While he has been in failing health for the past few years, due to a heart ailment, he has managed to continue to perform his duties as head of the traffic and repair divisions of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad, now operators of a fleet of passenger buses between the two cities and Old Orchard Beach. The news of his death has occasioned much sorrow among his wide circle of acquaintances and to the employees and officials of the local road.

Mr. Hill was born in Dayton, the son of Ira C. and Nellie (Dow) Hill. His parents became residents of Biddeford when he was quite young and his early education was obtained in the schools of this city. During his younger life he was employed in local industrial plants for some years before entering the employ of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad as conductor on its trolley lines. After being employed in this position and in other capacities as a motorman and electrician for about 24 years, he was promoted to superintendent, succeeding Charles Durrell. When the recent change from trolley cars to bus service was made by the officials of the company he was retained in the same position.

He was one of the most widely-known residents of the two cities and was popular with the officials, employees and patrons of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad Co. He possessed a jovial disposition which earned for him many new friends wherever he journeyed and was held in the

highest esteem by his business associates for his upright business principles.

He had resided in Saco for the past 42 years and during the greater part of that period had been most active in Republican circles of that community. He served as a member of the board of aldermen for several years and at the time of his death was a member of the Republican city committee. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the city and was always ready to support any movement that might prove beneficial to the resident of the community.

During his employment with the Biddeford and Saco railroad he worked early and late, putting in many hours, especially during the stormy winter months and the heavy traffic summer season in endeavoring to give the patrons of the lines the best possible service between the two cities and Old Orchard Beach. He was always ready to aid any of his fellow employees who might need assistance and was most considerate in the supervision of their daily labors.

He was a member of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F.; York Encampment; Saco Rebekah lodge; Saco Lodge F. & A. M., and Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his widow, Flora E. Hill; a son, Eugene O. Hill, and a brother, Lester I. Hill, the latter a resident of South Portland.

Funeral services will be held from his late home, 304 Beach street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MARCH 26, 1941.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Tarr of 230 South street are announce-



MARJORIE P. TARR.

ing the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Pauline, to Richard L. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark of Clark's Mill. No date has been set for the wedding.

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Local Women At Boston Luncheon



More relief for Britain was urged at a recent luncheon held by the New England Committee of the British War Relief society at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, and attended by 50 persons, including a number of representatives of Maine branches. Shown are, left to right, seated:

Mrs. A. L. Chesley of Saco and Mrs. E. M. Powell of Lewiston. Standing: Miss Marion H. Lowell of Saco, Mrs. Victor Beecroft of Biddeford and Mrs. Henry W. Turgeon of Auburn.

Johan P. Suhr Died Sunday

Was Prominent Local Resident

Johan P. Suhr, widely-known Saco business man, and a life-long Saco and Biddeford resident, died at the Webber hos-



JOHAN P. SUHR

pital Sunday, following an extended illness. His age was 56 years.

He was born in Biddeford, the son of the late Thomas D. and Lucy Smith Suhr. He was educated in the local schools and was graduated from Biddeford High school in the class of 1904. During his stay at the latter institution he was one of the leading players of the gridiron eleven representing the school. After leaving school he went to Massachusetts for a brief time where he learned the tire repairing and vulcanizing trade. Returning to Saco, he opened a modern equipped vulcanizing plant and tire shop in Pepperell square. Later he moved the plant to a site on Main street nearly opposite Ocean Park avenue. He conducted a gasoline and tire station in that location up to the time of his death.

He was known by a wide circle of friends in the two cities and was most popular with his business associates and his customers.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., a past high priest of York Royal Arch chapter and a member of Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Maud Gilman Suhr of Saco, he leaves four sisters, Miss Olive Suhr of Biddeford, Mrs. Susie Carpenter of North Attleboro, Mass., Mrs. Annie Spencer of Lewiston and Mrs. Ruby Otis of North Weymouth, Mass., also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

MARCH 18, 1941.

Former Local Teacher Dead

Was Librarian For Many Years

Miss Laura E. Goodwin, librarian of the old Biddeford public library and for many years a teacher in the local schools, died at the home of her brother, William F. Goodwin, 435 Main street, Saco, this morning, following a lengthy illness. Her age was 74 years, 1 month and 12 days.

She was born in this city, the daughter of George F. and Hannah (Baldwin) Goodwin. She was educated in the Biddeford public and high schools. During the long period of years that she served as a teacher in the schools and as librarian she made the acquaintance of a large circle of friends among which she was held in the highest esteem. During her younger life she was most active in many of the leading social and charitable organizations of the two cities. She was a member and a most active

worker of the First Universalist church of this city and many of the ladies organizations connected with that parish for many years. The news of her passing away will be learned with much sorrow by her local acquaintances.

She was a charter member of the Thursday club, a member of Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Thread and Needle club of Saco.

She is survived by her brother, William F. Goodwin.

Funeral services, which will be private, will be conducted at the home of her brother, 435 Main street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

JUNE 9, 1941.

Charles H. Bean Died Sunday

Charles H. Bean, Sr., for many years employed as a carpenter at the Saco-Lowell Shops, died at his home, 78 Lafayette street, Saco, Sunday, following a long illness. His age was 64 years, two months and six days.

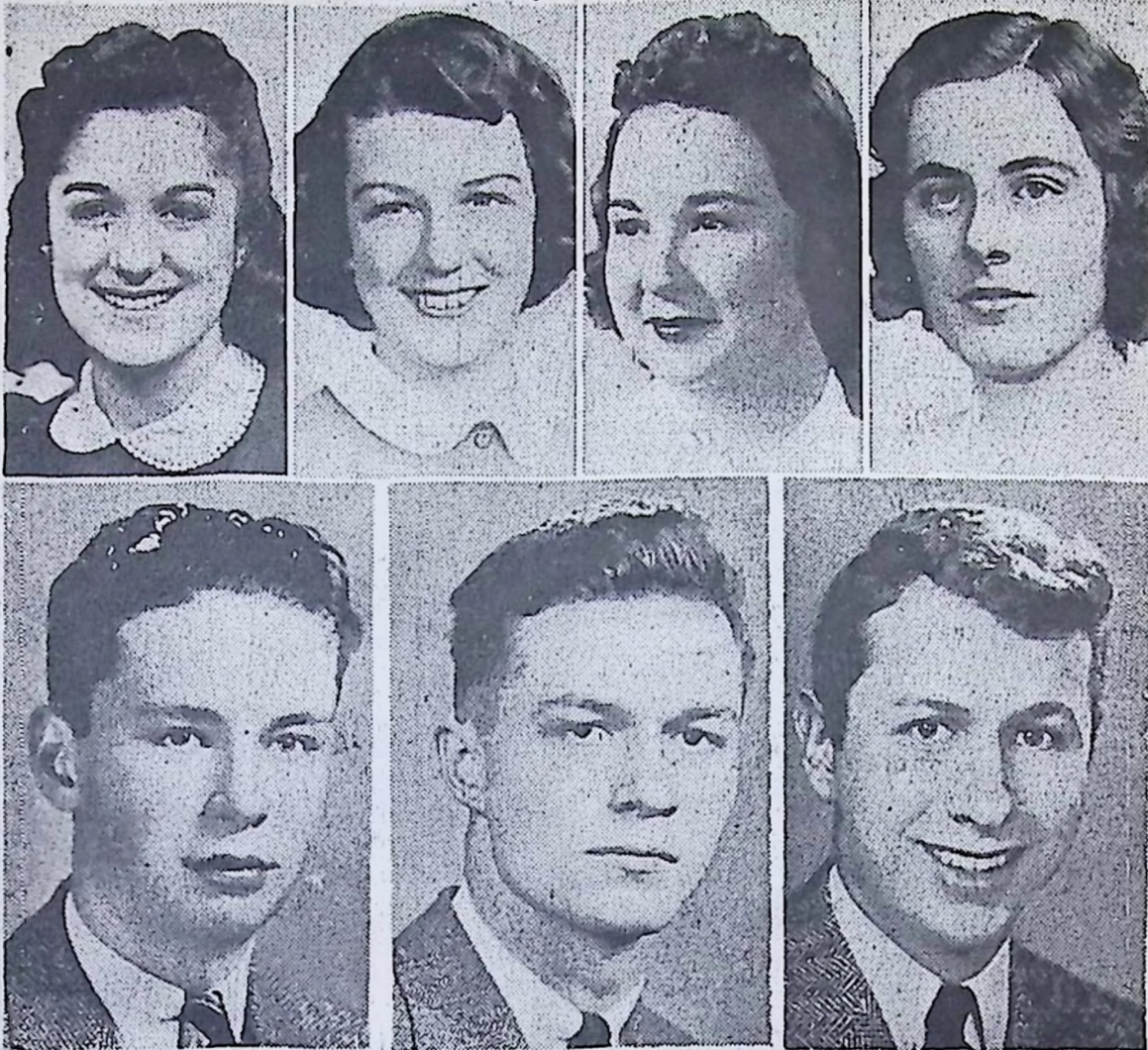
He was born in Saco, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Bean. He

was educated in the Saco schools. After leaving school he was employed as a clerk and locksmith at the hardware store conducted by his father, Samuel Bean on Alfred street, for many years until the business changed ownership. A short time later he secured work in the carpenter's department of the Saco-Lowell Shops and was employed in this occupation for a long period of time previous to being stricken ill and forced to retire. He was most popular with the officials and his fellow workers at his place of employment. He was a member of the United Baptist church of Saco.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie B. Bean, through a second marriage; four sons, Paul S., Samuel E., Harold E., and Charles H. Bean, Jr., of Saco; two daughters, Mrs. Edward Anderson of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Lilly Bean of Boston; also five grandchildren.

Funeral services which will be private will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call at the funeral home at any time up to 1 o'clock Tuesday noon.

Thornton Academy Graduation Speakers



JULY 21, 1941.

Well-Known Saco Man Dead

Harry E. Hanson Conducted Store

Harry E. Hanson, a most widely known Saco resident for over half a century, and for many years proprietor of a smoke shop and periodical store on Main street, Factory Island in Saco, died at his home, 35 Lincoln street, this morning, following an extended illness. His age was 77 years, one month and 19 days.

He was born in Maryland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hanson. During his residence in Saco, he made the acquaintance of a large circle of friends in the two cities who will be deeply grieved to hear of his passing away. He was a great lover of all branches of sports and during his younger life often journeyed to different parts of the country to witness major sporting events. For many years, while engaged in business, he took a deep interest in various athletic events sponsored by the youth of the community and contributed freely to the promotion of many of the teams representing different social and school organizations.

Mr. Hanson was most active in local, county and state Democratic politics in his younger life.

Seven honor students in the senior class of Thornton Academy who will take part in a panel discussion on Our South American Neighbors at the graduating exercises in the school auditorium tonight. Top row, left to right, Betty Bricklatris, Norma Lombard, Janice Craig, Bina Sawyer. Bottom row, Lloyd Noyes, George Hawkes, Laurence Staples.

For a long period of time he was one of the best known leaders of that party in this section of the county. Later he became affiliated while not actively engaged in with the Republican party and politics in late years, he has been deeply interested in the work of the party.

He served as a member of the Saco fire department for a long period of time and for many years filled the position of engineer of the Governor Fairfield engine of the department.

He was employed at the Saco-Lowell Shops for many years at his trade of a machinist. At other periods of his life, previous to retiring owing to failing health, he was employed in the Pepperell and York Mills, and also in Amesbury, Mass. He was a great lover of horses and dogs being the owner of several high pedigreed canines during his younger life.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Hanson by a second marriage, a son, Walter L. Hanson of Saco and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Healy of Lawrence, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JUNE 27, 1941.

Former Saco Resident Dead

Word has been received in Saco late Thursday afternoon of the

death in Modesto, Calif., Thursday morning of Mrs. Lucy Stearns Prentiss, after a long and painful illness. Old-time friends in Saco, of whom she had many, learned with sorrow of her passing.

Mrs. Prentiss was born in this city, Sept. 20, 1864, and at the age of nine years she moved to Saco with her parents. She was graduated from the old Saco high school and Mount Holyoke Seminary, following which she travelled extensively in Europe, and studied a year in Germany, about equally divided between Bonn and Berlin. On returning to the U. S., she taught in a Brooklyn private school a year.

She was married June 30, 1891, to Lory Prentiss of Saco.

The following ten years were spent in Newark, N. J., where her husband was physical director of the Newark academy. Most of her married life, however, was spent at Lawrenceville, N. J., where her husband was director of athletics for more than 30 years at the Lawrenceville school.

At a time when tramping was in vogue she negotiated many of the highest Alpine passes, and all her life she had been an enthusiastic skater, hiker and horseback rider.

On both sides of her family tree she was eligible to many of the national patriotic societies and lately sustained membership in the D. A. R. society of New Eng-

land women. the Daughters of Colonial Wars, and the National Society of Colonial Dames.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Ruth, of Los Angeles, and a son, Paul, a major in the U. S. Air Corps, now of March Field, Riverside Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at Dennett and Craig's funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. It is requested that flowers be omitted. Interment will be made at Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco.

MARCH 19, 1941.

Ocean Park Woman Died In Chelsea

Was on Way to Flower Show

Mrs. Annie H. Severance, wife of Warren L. Severance, one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of the Ocean Park section of Old Orchard Beach for the past 13 years, died suddenly in Chelsea, Mass., Tuesday afternoon, while visiting her daughter, Miss Ruth M. Severance, a member of the Chelsea High school faculty. Mrs. Severance had gone to Boston planning to attend the Flower show and while waiting for her daughter to complete her daily duties, and accompany her to the show, was stricken suddenly ill, and passed away a short time later. Her age was 71 years and 3 months.

Mrs. Severance was born in Bangor, the daughter of Freeman S. and Georgia Huston Dean. Previous to going to Ocean Park with members of her family to reside she was a resident of Saco for a long period of years. She was most active as a member and worker of the United Baptist church and all of the leading ladies organizations of that parish for many years. She was a woman of a most devout Christian character and was actively interested in the different religious activities conducted annually at Ocean Park. She was also greatly devoted to her home and family. Her sudden death will be learned of with much sorrow by her numerous friends in Saco, Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach, and among the regular summer colony of visitors at Ocean Park. She was a member of the board of trustees of the Old Orchard Beach W. C. T. U. and greatly interested in the affairs of the local, county, state and national unions.

Besides her husband, Warren L. Severance, she leaves two daughters, Miss Ruth M. Severance of Chelsea, Mass., and Miss Georgia M. Severance of Ocean Park; two brothers, Fred Dean of New Bedford, Mass., and M. L. Dean of Worcester, Mass., also a sister, Mrs. June Ingraham of Belfast.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 265 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AUGUST 18, 1940



Miss
Dorothy
Bowie
of
Saco

JANUARY 18, 1941.

Announcing Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Ross of 100 Middle street, Saco, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy M., to Harold E. Whalen, son of Mrs. Jane E. Whalen of Saco and Gardiner and the late John Edward Whalen of Gardiner. Miss Ross is a graduate of Thornton academy and Farmington Normal school and is employed in the office of the general superintendent and designer of the York Manufacturing Co. Mr. Whalen, a graduate of Gardiner high school, is cashier for the First National Super Market in Saco. No wedding date has been set.

There are not more than two pounds of radium in the world. It is worth about \$18,000,000.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



HAROLD E. WHALEN

DOROTHY M. ROSS

JANUARY 11, 1941.

James E. Towle Died Today

Was Former Saco Chief Engineer

James Edward Towle, prominent life-long Saco resident, a former chief engineer of the Saco fire department, and for over 20 years foreman of the paint department at the Saco-Lowell Shops in this city, died at a local hospital, Saturday morning, after a lengthy illness. His age was 69 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He was born in Saco, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Towle. He received his education in the Saco schools. When a young man he entered the employ of his father, who conducted a large carriage manufacturing and paint shop which catered to a large patronage in this section of the state for many years. At the death of his father, Mr. Towle conducted the business for some time alone before disposing of it several years ago to accept a position in the paint division of the Saco-Lowell plant.

He had a large circle of acquaintances in the city and neighboring communities. He was popular and

grieved to hear of his death. During the long period of years he was employed at the Saco-Lowell he was held in the highest esteem by the officials and his fellow workers.

He took a deep interest in local civic affairs and daily current events.

He served as a member and captain of the Governor Fairfield company of the Saco fire department for many years before he was appointed chief engineer of the department in 1913.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M. and the Saco United Baptist church.

He is survived by two sons, Ivory H. Towle and Charles S. Towle and a daughter, Mrs. P. Elizabeth Deasey, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

JUNE 11, 1941.

Mrs. Ida E. Davis, Well-Known Local Resident, Dead

Mrs. Ida E. Davis died this morning at the home of her son, Joseph H. Davis, 270 Pool road, at the age of 73 years, nine months and 17 days.

She was born in this city, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Larrabee) Newcomb.

Mrs. Davis leaves one son, Joseph H., and eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was a member of Nonesuch Lodge, Pythian Sisters, of Scarborough, the U. S. Daughters of 1812, of Portland, Saco Grange, U. S. Grant W. R. C., and the Universalist church of this city.

Mrs. Davis was known and held in high esteem by many friends in the city and vicinity. For several years she made her home in Portland and was also well known there.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her son, 270 Pool road.

ARCHIBALD C. SINCLAIR.

Funeral services for Archibald Sinclair were held at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon from the home, Common street, Saco. There was a gathering of relatives and friends in attendance that crowded the home and the many beautiful flowers received indicated the high esteem in which Mr. Sinclair was held. A ritualistic service was conducted by members of Saco lodge, No. 9, F. and A. M. Rev. Canon A. E. Scott, rector of Christ Episcopal church in this city, officiated. Burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1941.

Thomas Emery Died Wednesday In Canada

Relatives in Saco were informed of the death of Thomas Emery at Temiskaming, P. Q., Wednesday morning.

Mr. Emery, an electrical engineer with the International Paper Co. for many years, was born in Biddeford and received his early education in the local schools, graduating from Biddeford high school in the class of 1897. He had been a resident of Canada since 1900.

He was the son of John and Parnell Scott Emery, and besides his wife, Viola, he is survived by a son, Robert; three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Emery, Mrs. Rufus Doe and Mrs. Joseph Hill, all of Saco.

Mr. Emery was a member of Christ church of this city, and was affiliated with Masonic orders in Canada. Although no definite plans had been communicated to local relatives, it is believed that funeral services will be conducted in Montreal, P. Q.

SATURDAY, EVENING, MARCH 15, 1941.

Walter J. Gilpatric Was Civic Leader

News of the death in Saco yesterday afternoon of Walter J. Gilpatric for years a civic and Democratic party leader, caused profound sorrow to a large circle



WALTER J. GILPATRIC

of friends through the state. Announcement of his death in the Journal last night came as a surprise to even some of his intimate friends, who were not aware that his condition was critical. Mr. Gilpatric had a host of friends throughout the state.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 417 Main street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 1.30, and will be strictly private.

Friends are requested to omit flowers.

Mr. Gilpatric was born in Dayton, the son of Samuel C. and Olivia Gould Gilpatric. He received his education in the Saco schools and attended Thornton academy and was prominent in athletics of the latter institution. His age was 72 years and 11 months. When a young man he expressed the desire of becoming a lawyer and took up the study of law at the office of the late B. F. Hamilton. A few years later he was admitted to the bar and he shortly afterwards opened offices in the Biddeford Savings Bank building on Main street. He practiced this profession for many years before retiring several years ago from active law work to devote his time to other business interests. He served as agent of the Old Orchard Beach offices of the Biddeford and Saco Water company for over 35 years and held a large acquaintance among the property owners and members of the regular summer colony of vacationists at that resort.

He served as a director of the former Saco National Bank and was a member of the board of directors of the Pepperell Trust Co.

of this city. He was one of the most widely known Democratic leaders in this section of the state for many years when his health permitted. He served as mayor of Saco in 1911, and again during the years of 1922 and 1923. Between the period of 1914 and 1920 he served as private secretary to U. S. Senator Charles A.

Johnson in Washington, D. C. He was a former city solicitor of Saco and also served as a member of the school board of that city for several years. He held the position of county, state and national committeeman at different time during his earlier life when he was active in politics.

Mr. Gilpatric served as receiver for a closed Springvale bank for some years. Under his supervision and his assistants the affairs of the financial institution were adjusted a short time ago so that the bank was able to resume its usual business.

He attended the School street Methodist church in Saco.

He was affiliated with all branches of the local and state Masonic bodies and during his younger life filled various offices in the order. He always took a deep interest in the youth of the community and the general welfare of the city. His numerous charitable acts among many of the needy and unfortunate of the two cities will never be forgotten by those aided by his kind deeds. He was much interested in all branches of sports and often journeyed to far distant points in the country to witness many major sporting events. He was a great lover of dogs and horses and at one period of his life owned different well known fast trotters and pacers that participated in many of the snow and ice races held in the two cities.

He was twice married his first wife, Grace Lowell of Saco, died several years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Florence E. Gilpatric, and several cousins.

NOVEMBER 27, 1940.

Resident of City for 82 Years, Dead

Irving Whittier Died Suddenly

Irving N. Whittier, a resident of this city for the past 82 years, residing in the same house at 14 Kossuth street for that time, died suddenly this morning at his home. His age was 82 years, 3 months and 21 days.

He was born in Dayton, son of Joseph and Mary (Waterhouse) Whittier, coming here when a child and since residing here. He attended the local schools, and for years was employed as a meat cutter in markets of this city, having been employed for many years at the Andrews and Horgan market. He retired about 10 years ago.

Mr. Whittier was a man of quiet disposition and was never active in fraternal or political organizations. He was a lover of the outdoor sports, an ardent fisherman and frequently went on trips fishing for trout through the county, he having a knowledge

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March 15, 1941

Walter J. Gilpatric, Long Democratic Leader, Dies In Saco

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Saco, March 14—Walter J. Gilpatric, 72, resident of Saco for more than 60 years and long a leader in the Democratic party in Maine, died this afternoon at his home following a long illness. He was born at Dayton, son of Samuel C. and Olivia Gould Gilpatric.

For many years he was Democratic State Committeeman and in 1911, 1922 and 1923 was mayor of the City of Saco. From 1914 to 1920 he served as secretary to United States Senator Charles F. Johnson of Maine.

He was a director of the Pepperell Trust Company and a former director of the old Saco National Bank. He was agent of the Saco-Biddeford Water Company at Old Orchard Beach for 40 years. He served in Saco for a time as a member of the school board and as city solicitor.

When health permitted he was an attendant at the School Street Methodist Church. He was a member of all Masonic bodies.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 415 Main Street, Sunday at 1.30 p. m. The funeral will be private with only relatives and a few intimate friends in attendance.



Walter J. Gilpatric

Friends have been asked to omit flowers.

JUNE 10, 1941.

Saco Girl Graduated From B. U.

Miss Priscilla Dennett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Dennett of Winter street, Saco, yesterday



PRISCILLA DENNETT.

received a degree of B. S. in education during Boston University's annual graduation exercises at the Boston Arena.

Miss Dennett, who graduated from Thornton academy in 1936, and from Bouve School in Boston in 1939, entered Boston University in 1939.

While studying at Boston University she served as assistant in the Physical Education Department.

APRIL 7, 1941.



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A group picture of Laconia Overseers and their superintendent of a half century ago. Probably the readers can identify them but if not, they are, left to right,

Front row: Clement Wakefield, carding; Alfred Dresser, weaving; James G. Brackett, supt.; Volney A. Sprague, yard; James Lea vitt, carding. Second row: James Beaumont, belt shop; Oliver Hill, harness shop; James Read, mule spinning; Wright Bardsley, weaving; William Spofford, office boy. Back row: Burton Winslow, pay master; Archie Maxwell, weaving; Nahum Pillsbury, carpenter shop; Charles Tarbox, machinist; Orville Bryant, dressing; Calvin H. Foss, cloth room; Ira Hayes, ring spinning.

DECEMBER 24, 1940.

Luther W. Day Died Monday

Was a Retired Mail Carrier

Luther W. Day, 74, retired mail carrier, died yesterday at a local hospital, following a long illness.

Mr. Day was born in this city, son of Benjamin F. and Betsy Ed-



LUTHER W. DAY.

wards Day, and was educated in the local public schools. He retired from the Biddeford postoffice a few years ago on pension after serving many years as a mail carrier. He was well-known throughout the city and held in high esteem. A man of genial disposition,

retiring by nature, although active in fraternal circles, Mr. Day made hundreds of friends while engaged in delivery of mail in the city, and was a familiar figure about the streets of the city.

He was a member of Laconia lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, York Encampment and affiliated organizations.

Mr. Day leaves a widow, El-nora M. Day; a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Ferguson; a son, George F. Day, and six grandchildren, all of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 1.30 Thursday afternoon.

JULY 12, 1941.

Charles Leslie Died Friday In Brooklyn

Word has been received in this city of the death Friday morning of Charles H. Leslie at the home of Mrs. Ollie Wise, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Leslie had been in poor health for some time. The remains will not be brought to Biddeford for burial but will be interred in Brooklyn, N. Y. His age was about 74 years.

Mr. Leslie was the son of Charles Leslie of this city. He was born in Biddeford and educated in the public schools and at Kents Hill Seminary. For many years he was city editor of the Biddeford Standard, and on his retirement entered the employ of the Pepperell Mfg. Co. in the carding department.

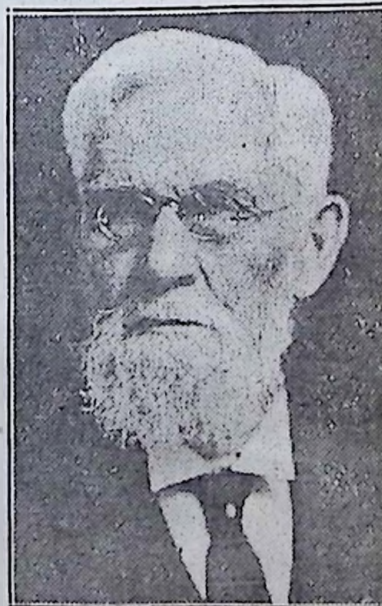
He married Marcia Perkins, sister of Walter Perkins, the actor, and with his wife gave much time to theatricals, touring the country and playing to successful audiences.

For the past 15 years he has been in the newspaper field as advertising solicitor in New Rochelle, N. Y. Mrs. Leslie died a few years ago. As far as known he has no surviving relatives.

January 10, 1933

George A. Emery Dies In Saco

Widely Known Attorney,
Banker, First Judge Of
Municipal Court



George A. Emery

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Saco, Jan. 9.—George Addison Emery, 93, former judge of the Saco Municipal Court, widely known attorney and long identified with local banking interests, died at his home here today. Until recently he had been active and was almost daily at his office. He was one of the oldest residents of this part of Maine.

Mr. Emery was a native of Saco, the son of Moses and Sarah C. Em-

ery, and he attended the city schools, Thornton Academy, Bridgton Academy and Bowdoin College, from which he was graduated in 1863. While studying law in the office of his father he taught school for several terms, and he was admitted to the York County Bar in 1866. The following year the Municipal Court was established and he was the first judge, serving in that position until 1871. Subsequently he was for several years recorder of the court.

For several years Mr. Emery was a director of the York National Bank, and was also for a long time its president. He was a charter member of the York Institute, serving as its president and secretary, had been president of the Dyer Library and for 80 years was general agent of the Saco Provident Association. He had also served as president of the York County Bar Association and as secretary of the local Board of Trade.

He was long affiliated with the Maine Historical Society and was the second oldest member of the Second Parish Unitarian Church and a charter member of the Laymen's League of that church. Since young manhood he had been a member of Saco Lodge of Masons and had been secretary of the lodge for some time. He was also trustee of Thornton Academy for some years.

He served two terms in the Maine Legislature. Mr. Emery never married.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the Second Parish Unitarian Church on School Street.

Out of respect to Judge Emery many meetings of organizations of which he was a member have been postponed until after the funeral services are held.

OCTOBER 28, 1940.

Rector at Trinity Has Resigned

Rev. Victor Lyle Dowdell, for the past four-and-a-half years



REV. VICTOR L. DODWELL.

rector of Trinity church, Saco, has tendered his resignation to the vestry of Trinity church. Dr. Dowdell expects to leave next week to become rector of St. James church in Albion, Mich., also to become pastor to the students at Albion college. Dr. Dowdell's last service in Saco will be a celebration of of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, next Sunday morning, Nov. 3.

Thomas Cunningham Weds Priscilla Dennett At Saco



Principals in the Cunningham-Dennett wedding which took place Saturday afternoon in the First Parish Congregational Church, Saco.

Left to right: Miss Hope Libby of Boston, bridesmaid; William Cunningham, usher; Miss Lorraine A. Rowell of Saco, bridesmaid; Leavitt Emmons, usher; Miss Charlotte Dennett, maid of honor; Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas M. Cunningham (Priscilla Dennett) bridal couple; Wallace Cunningham, Jr., best man; Miss Marjorie Dennett, bridesmaid; Lawrence S. Garland, Jr., usher; Miss Louise Leland of East Greenwich, R. I., bridesmaid; and Wendell Willett, usher.

In the front are Carol Linda Cunningham, flower girl; and Robert Wallace Cunningham, ring bearer.

AUGUST 29, 1941.

James P. Garland, Head Of Garland Mfg. Co., Died Suddenly Yesterday

James P. Garland, 52, president of the Garland Manufacturing Co. of Saco, and prominent resident of that city, died suddenly late yesterday afternoon after suffering a heart attack at the local hospital he had entered for a routine examination.

President of the Garland Co. for the past year, Mr. Garland had been active in his business affairs until he was stricken yesterday.

He also had served as a member of the board of directors of the Biddeford-Saco Savings Institution, the Biddeford-Saco Water Co. and of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Saco.

Today a multitude of expressions of regret from business associates and employees were received by members of the surviving family. Upon the petition of saddened employees at the Garland plant in Saco, the firm decided to suspend operations for the day.

Three children, Jane, Peter and Edith of Saco, two brothers, Charles P. Garland of Larchmont, N. Y., and Lawrence S. Garland, Sr., secretary of the Garland Mfg. Co., and one sister, Mrs. G. W. McKee of New York city, survive.

Mr. Garland was born on March 14, 1889, the son of Harry



JAMES P. GARLAND

P. and Edith Pew Garland of Saco. He attended the Saco schools, and Hotchkiss Preparatory School in Lakeville, Conn. After his graduation from the preparatory school in 1907, he entered Yale university at New Haven, Conn., where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was graduated from Yale in 1911.

After several years of employment with the Naumkeag Steel and Cotton Mills at Salem, Mass., he returned to Saco and became associated with his father at the Garland plant in 1917.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at his late home on the Portland road, Saco. Services will be strictly private.



HENRY A. BERUBE

December 6, 1940

Portland Press Herald

Hurt In Plane Crash



Rollston G. Woodbury, former Bowdoin quarterback, now vice president of the Textile Bank of New York who escaped when a United Air Lines Mainliner crashed in Chicago Wednesday, causing eight deaths. Woodbury's office in New York said Thursday he was cut badly and that there was a question of a fractured ankle. He formerly lived at Saco.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

Old Maine Forts.

When it was learned in 1923 that the United States government intended to dispose of some of the historic old forts, located at different places on the Maine coast, Governor Baxter took steps to purchase them in behalf of the state.

Otherwise they would have been disposed of to private parties and have been turned into anything that might bring fame or fortune to their new owners.

These old forts or remains of fortifications are scattered along the shore, from Fort Machias at Machiasport in the extreme east to Fort McClary at Kittery in our own York county and marking the extreme southwestern boundary of the state.

About 320 years ago, the first English colonists tried to settle at several places on the Maine coast, to establish homes and colonies, but with little success. That was in 1607 or thereabouts and some of these forts or remains of forts date back to nearly that period.

France was the great rival and enemy of England on this continent and the province of Maine was the frontier, with a long coast line and a wide flung border. For a century she held what one historian calls "the front line trenches against the French." It was during this period that most of these old forts, now being preserved with such care, were built by people of the settlement for their own protection against the French and Indians. In 1760, after the conquest of Canada by the English, these forts were no longer needed and defensive warfare had changed. Many of the old fortifications had become the property of the United States government and thus it was that in December, 1922, Senator Wadsworth introduced a bill in congress, providing for the sale of these forts, no longer of any practical use to state or federal government.

This bill was passed by congress March 4, 1923, and approved by the resident. Gov. Baxter learned of this action of congress and immediately called his council together and laid the matter before the meeting. The council at once voted to purchase the forts, although under ordinary circumstances it would have been done by an act of legislature. There was no time to wait for the next session, as a clause in the bill set, the time limit at six months and by September, this option would have expired.

The parties to this transfer were Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States; John W. Weeks, secretary of war; Gen. John J. Pershing, chief of staff, and Gov. Percival P. Baxter, acting for the state of Maine.

Eight forts and sites of forts, with their equipment were purchased for the state, at the cost of \$19,479.50, viz., Fort Machias, Fort Knox, Fort St. George's, Fort Edgcomb, near Wiscasset, Fort Baldwin, Fort Popham, the Sugar Loaf Islands, and Fort McClary.

The first fort in Maine was built by the Popham colonists, in 1607, in Phippsburg, and was called Fort St. Georges. This was located on the St. Georges river, east of the mouth of the Kennebec. For some time, it was thought that the site of this old fort was identical with that of Fort Popham and a tablet was to be placed on

the wall of the latter fort by the Maine Historical society, in 1862, when that society celebrated the landing of the Popham colony, but the building of the new Fort Popham was discontinued and now the site of Fort St. Georges is commemorated by a marker, a huge granite block, suitably inscribed and placed there in August, 1907, to celebrate the tercentenary of the landing of the Popham colony in August, 1607.

This was a most important occasion, from an historic standpoint. Hon. James P. Baxter of Portland, president of the Maine Historical society, presided and delivered the opening address and he was followed by several eminent speakers.

Fort Machias, the most easterly of these old forts is often called Fort O'Brien, from a family prominent in that section for many years. The English first knew of Machias through Richard Vines, who established a trading post there in 1633. This was no other than our old friend Vines of the first settlement at Biddeford Pool and an unfortunate venture it proved for him.

That section of country was disputed territory for a number of years between the French and the English and not long after Vines opened his trading post the French descended upon it, killed two of the men stationed there and carried the rest away captive. For 120 years to come neither the English nor the French made any attempt to hold the place. In 1763, fifteen persons, of both sexes, from Scarborough went to Machias and began a settlement, which proved permanent.

The fort was built at the time of the Revolution and the story of the troubles of the people with the British at that time makes wonderfully interesting reading at this late day. The Machias people really started the Revolutionary struggle on the sea and the O'Briens, a bold, energetic, Protestant family from Ireland, were most prominent in the disturbances. The tale is too long for this article, but do read it for yourselves in some history, Williamson's History of Maine for instance and enjoy the thrilling story.

Fort Knox, in the town of Prospect, fourteen miles from Belfast, became of importance during the controversy over the northeastern boundary early during the last century and then seemed to pass out of the public mind and eye.

Fort Edgcomb, not far from Wiscasset, was erected by the federal government in 1808 for the protection of the vicinity, Wiscasset, at that time being an important shipping point, and a large garrison was stationed there during the war of 1812.

Here extensive earthworks were built and a magazine of brick and stone was constructed near the shore. The remains of these earthworks may be seen today, but are in very poor condition. The fort was much more extensive in construction than the older forts and had a fine equipment of guns and armament. The guns were removed to Fort Independence, Boston harbor, in the summer of 1816.

Fort Popham and Baldwin are in Phippsburg, a town which lies between the Kennebec river on the east and New Meadows river and harbor and West Bath on the west. Fort Popham is on the site of an old and much earlier fortification at Hunniwells

Point. The new fort was begun in 1861. Simon Cameron was then secretary of war and influenced by positions received determined to associate this fort with the old Popham colony of early times. This fort was never completed as the improvements in fortifications were so rapid during the Civil war that most of the forts begun in the early days of the war were never finished. It was built of granite blocks brought from Dix and Fox islands and inside the wall are great blocks of the stone scattered around just as the builders left them. This fort was garrisoned in 1865-66; during the Spanish war in 1898 and also during the World war. During the World war it was a busy place with tents inside the walls, soldiers drilling and guards stationed all about. A modern mine equipment was installed during this time to protect the channel leading to Bath.

It was realized a hundred years ago, that Fort Popham was in a poor position, from a military point of view, and the new post called Fort Baldwin is on a ridge, within rifle shot, called Sabino Hill. This site was purchased by the United States government early in the nineteen hundreds and in 1905 the work of building a modern, twentieth century fort was begun. The fort is concealed on the heavily wooded hill and was completed in 1912. It is of the most approved type of modern fortification, has three batteries and was named for Col. Jeduthan Baldwin, a famous engineer of the Revolutionary army. During the World war more than 200 men were stationed at Popham and Baldwin and these two modern fortifications were sold to the state with the old forts. These two forts are 16 miles from Bath at Popham Beach. The drive from Bath to Popham is one of the most beautiful and picturesque in Maine and is well worth a visit from the tourist. The road is winding, following as it does the bends in the Kennebec, passing historic old houses and ship yards and with glimpses of the beautiful river, and the visitor will find Popham Beach one of the most interesting, historical places in the state.

Kittery is the oldest town in Maine, having been incorporated by an act of the general court under the Gorges Province, Nov. 20, 1647. It is bounded by the towns of Eliot and York, by the Piscataqua river, the harbor and the ocean. The Isles of Shoals, which lie about nine miles off shore, belong partly to Maine and partly to New Hampshire.

More than 300 years ago adventurers and traders began exploring our shores and the good harbor at Kittery and Portsmouth was often visited. Many pioneers famous in the tales of early times lived here by the sea. The names and deeds of these will always figure in the history of the state and nation, men who did their part in making the United States first among the nations of the world.

Martin Pring, the famous early explorer and navigator, in his historic voyage of 1603, sailed into the mouth of our Saco river and also explored the harbor and mouth of the Piscataqua river. The first settlement at Kittery Point, of which there is any record, was in 1623, and the first settlers were mostly English, who had left good homes of culture and refinement to colonize a new land, live in rough log cabins built by their own efforts; fight a treacherous band of savages and many of them to rise to plenty and even wealth from humble beginnings.

The names of Pennerell and Shapleigh are indelibly stamped on Kittery history. In May, 1636, Sir Fernando Gorges conveyed to Alexander Shapleigh, a merchant of Kit-

September 18, 1941

Raises Cotton



By Staff Photographer

Although thousands of tons of cotton are annually manufactured into fine fabrics in Biddeford, cotton raising in that area is not the usual thing. Mrs. Philip Graves, wife of Saco's municipal court judge, has been experimenting with the King plant of the South this season, however, with encouraging result—not that commercial cotton raising would be advisable. Mrs. Graves, a native of Georgia is pictured above with her pet Foo in front of the cotton plants in her garden on Stockman Avenue, Saco.

AUGUST 19, 1941.

Well-Known Saco Woman Died Suddenly

Miss Margaret Bacon Nicol, resident of Saco for the past 9 years, died suddenly today at her home on Cutte avenue. She was 68 years old today.

Miss Nicol was born in Scotland, daughter of Thomas and Marion (Johnston) Nicol.

She was well-known in Saco and vicinity and was a member of Annette chapter, O. E. S., the United Baptist church of Saco and the Philathea class of the Saco United Baptist church.

She leaves a brother, W. J. Nicol of Saco, two sisters, Mrs. Marion Farwell and Mrs. Harriet Goodier, and a niece, Miss Berta Goodier, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

tery, a town in Dorsetshire, England, all of Kittery Point, except the very end, upon which stood the remains of Philip Swadden. In 1682, John Bray bought twelve acres of the Shapleigh land and later gave his son-in-law, William Pepperell, an acre at Kittery Point on the seashore, which included the site where Pepperell built his house. The old Fort McClary was located close to "the level spot" chosen by Pepperell for his house, but the site of the fort was on the hill. It had been called at first, Fort William, in honor of Pepperell, but at the time of the Revolution was changed to Fort McClary, for that gallant soldier, Major Andrew McClary, who lost his life at Bunker Hill. The old fort has a most interesting history. The mouth of the Piscataqua river was so well protected by forts on the Portsmouth side and Fort McClary at Kittery Point, that the British, after reconnoitering, made no attempt at capture or attack during the Revolution.

It was again garrisoned during the Civil war and in 1864 congress made a generous appropriation for fortifications. During the Civil war, Hannibal Hamlin lived in Fort McClary. He enlisted at Kittery in 1864 as a private soldier, but the same year was mustered out at Bangor. He was born at Paris Hill, Maine, and practised law in Bangor. He was prominent in state affairs and in 1860 was elected vice president of the United States.

The story of the Pepperells has been told at length in this column and will not be further dwelt upon. Old Fort McClary is now a ruin. The government work was long ago abandoned and the place has been visited often by curio hunters, who even carried off bits of woodwork as souvenirs. It stands directly opposite Fort Constitution and is a little over three miles from the Memorial bridge in Kittery. The highway runs directly through the military reservation and the place is easily accessible to tourists. There is a good road for motor cars and one can drive with safety to the fort. Just across is the Portsmouth navy yard, where in 1905 Japan and Russia signed their peace treaty.

The fortification was one of the three most important military works built by the United States in the seventeenth century for the protection of the Maine coast, the others being on the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers.

This is the story of the old forts and locations, of forts, purchased from the United States in 1923 or '24. There are many other interesting ruins of fortifications, block houses and garrison houses scattered through the state, a description of which would fill several volumes. Don't forget that our state of Maine was once and for many years the eastern frontier of our land!

ESTELLE M. TATTERSON.
FEBRUARY 17, 1941.

Dr. O'Sullivan Died Suddenly

Was a Former Local Resident

Dr. Timothy J. O'Sullivan, 54, formerly of this city, considered one of the foremost specialists on the nose, throat and ear diseases east of Boston, died in his sleep early Sunday evening at his home, 10 Pine street, Portland. He had not fully recovered from an influenza attack six weeks ago, but had resumed practice

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1941.

Active At Meeting Of Garden Club



Prominent members of the Garden club active in the meeting the local club at Angellmere yesterday. Left to right: Mrs. W. L. Walker, Mrs. Victor Amee of Kittery, speaker yesterday; Mrs. Katherine Stacy, Mrs. C. E. Dutton, Mrs. H. O. Furber, Mrs. Thomas Coates and Miss Lutie Harmon.

Biddeford Journal Photo.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1941.

F. S. Moody Died Monday

Was Bookkeeper For J. G. Deering

Frederick S. Moody, life-long resident of Saco, known and universally respected by a wide circle of friends, died Monday afternoon at a local hospital, aged 73 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Born in Saco, the son of Samuel F. and Mary Spencer Moody, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Moody; a son, Charles, and a grandson, Robert.

For 25 years until his retirement, Mr. Moody served as bookkeeper at the J. G. Deering Lumber Co., in this city, and was universally respected for his integrity and personal interest he showed in all who were privileged to come in contact with him.

He was a member of Saco Lodge, F. and A. M., York chapter, and Bradford Commandery. He was an attendant at Trinity Episcopal church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1941.

Arthur Andrews, Mrs. Katherine Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. John Burnham and Mrs. Walter White have returned to their homes in Saco after a week's visit at the Andrew's cottage at Hills Beach.

and attended to a heavy schedule on Saturday. He had been in Portland since 1915 when he left this city, except for a period during the World war when he was a medical officer in the U. S. navy at New London, Conn., and for a year which he spent in special study at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. O'Sullivan was born at Charlestown, Mass., but came to this city with his parents when a boy and attended the local schools. His father was engaged in the grocery business here for several years. He was graduated from the high school here and St. Marys of Van Buren with an AB degree. He attended Holy Cross college and was graduated from Boston University Medical school in 1914. He served as intern at the Trull hospital here, and after practicing briefly in this city he established a practice in Portland.

He was a member of the American Medical association, the Cumberland County Medical association, the Portland Medical club, and several organizations of specialists. He frequently contributed papers at the sessions of specialists, and was credited by the profession with many marvelous operations. He was a staff member of Portland hospitals and of the Webber in this city, and a consulting specialist at the Queen's hospital, Portland, and other Maine hospitals.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Kathryn D. O'Sullivan, a daughter, Mrs. Walter Merrick, and a son, Eugene, both of Portland; a brother, James O'Sullivan of State street, this city, and several nephews and nieces in this city, Saco and Lewiston.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been announced today.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1940.

Thomas West Died Tuesday In Ogunquit

Thomas West, age 75, of Ogunquit, formerly of Saco, passed away at York hospital, September 17. Mr. West was a resident of Saco for 60 years and was a business merchant on Main street for 40 years. Since 1920 he had been proprietor of Colonial Inn, Ogunquit, and had passed the last several winters in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p. m. from the late home, Colonial Inn, Ogunquit. Rev. Russell Wallace of the First Baptist church will officiate. Interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

Bearers will be his grandsons: Philip P. West, George R. West, Ralph T. West and Thomas R. West. Honorary bearer will be First Lieut. Robert West Clark, stationed at the U. S. naval aviation station, Santiago, Cal.

Surviving relatives are his widow, Mrs. Margaret A. West; one daughter, Mrs. Robert F. Clark; 14 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

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PORTLAND, MAINE, THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1940

May Give Way To Modern Business Structure



The three-story wooden building at High and Congress Streets, tenants of which have been ordered to vacate by Sept. 1. Whether the building was to be de-

molished and another constructed there could not be learned definitely Wednesday night because ex-Gov. Percival P. Baxter, to whom all questions were referred, was out of the city.

SEP. 7-1900. BIDDEFORD RECORD. Has His Opinion Changed?

Judge Burbank of Saco and Lawyer Frank W. Hovey of this city are to speak at the Republican flag raising in City square tomorrow night.

It isn't likely that Judge Burbank will discuss local issues. It lacks five days of being one year since Judge Burbank spoke his mind to THE RECORD in regard to local conditions. The party whip may have brought him to the stump to uphold national issues but he cannot have changed his mind in regard to the county rum ring.

Less than one year ago Judge Burbank said, and he has never retracted — "Mr Allen has the active support of the rumsellers of Biddeford. . . .

He has the machine but the people are yet to be heard from and Charles B Harmon will hear from them both this year and next.

"Charles B Harmon! Upon what meat does this, our Caesar, feed that he is grown so great? Rome (Biddeford) thou has lost the breed of noble bloods."

And yet the flag raising tomorrow is Harmon's and Amos' and the rum syndicate's.

Again Judge Burbank said, "The days of the rum ring and all who sympathize with it are numbered."

And again, this prophetic admonition: "Citizens and voters who desire the destruction of the present rum regime, be prepared to stand up and be counted on the right side. Rumsellers and all who sympathize with them, stand from under."

It does seem as though Judge Burbank will feel a little homesick when he finds himself yoked up with Lawyer Hovey and speaking at the raising of a flag purchased by Harmon and the rum syndicate, in the interests of Amos L Allen and the perpetuation of the York county rum ring.

We guess he will confine himself to national issues if he speaks.

A Naturalization Fraud.

Michael McLaughlin and Police Officer Chester Johnson took seven alleged citizens of Saco to Portland yesterday to get them naturalized by Judge Bonney in the Superior Court.

Of the merits of the cases, THE RECORD knows nothing. John Percy Deering was steering the thing from this end and it was expected that the men would get

through on one set of papers.

He came pretty near steering McLaughlin into jail.

In the first place, they did not send in the right papers and they had to get the clerk to make them out.

McLaughlin told the clerk that it was all right, that John Percy Deering had sent the men in, and the clerk asked, "Who's John Percy Deering?" just the same as Read asked, "Who's Barrett?"

McLaughlin explained that he was the candidate for the legislature and the clerk proceeded to make out the papers. McLaughlin was supposed to be a witness for the men. He was supposed to have known some of them seven years and some nine years, any old number of years.

One of the men was called up and examined by Judge Bonney. He told a straight story of his roamings and brief residences in various New England towns. He said he had lived in Saco seven months.

Here was where McLaughlin fell down.

When the judge called him up for a witness he said that he had known the man seven years.

"Where?" asked Judge Bonney.

"In Saco," replied McLaughlin.

"Didn't you ever know him in Saco?" asked the judge.

"No, sir," replied McLaughlin.

The judge looked sharp at his glasses.

"He says he has only lived seven months," said he.

McLaughlin was embarrassed.

"Stand aside," sternly ordered the judge.

"I have a good mind to try you."

McLaughlin stood aside. One of the seven men was naturalized.

"It looks to me as if John Percy Deering is trying to get me into jail," said the judge.

after he got back to Saco.

A New Matron

Miss Woodward, matron of the Well Home, has resigned to accept a more profitable position in a similar institution in Massachusetts. At the regular meeting of the managers, held yesterday, Mrs. J. H. of Auburn, was chosen to fill the position at the Well Home.

—Nellie Dineen, child of 13, of 13 Front street, Saco, died yesterday afternoon from cholera, and was buried at St. Mary's this afternoon. Her age was nine months and nine months.

Death Occasions Widespread Sorrow

Mrs. Philip F. Woodman Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia

Mrs. Flossie Irene Woodman, wife of Philip F. Woodman, died at her home, 252 Elm street, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, pneumonia being the immediate cause of death, after a week's illness. Previous to this, her health had for months been impaired so that when pneumonia developed her physical strength had become weakened so that she was unable to successfully combat the disease. Her condition at the start was regarded as very serious and late in the week slight hope for her recovery was entertained.

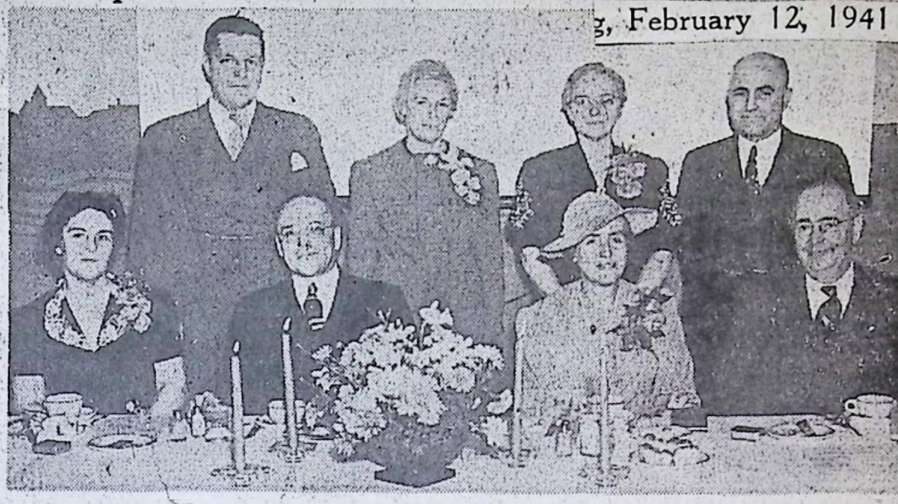
Mrs. Woodman was born in Foosland, Ill., Sept. 19, 1895, and was a daughter of Isaac T. and Mary Osborn Haverfield. The couple were married soon after Mr. Woodman was discharged from the service in the aeronautical forces of the U. S. Army in Illinois during the World war and came to Biddeford to live seven years ago, occupying the Woodman home on Elm street. Mrs. Woodman soon took a prominent part in the social life of the city, as well as in church work and in fraternal organizations. Endowed with much personal charm and possessing a mental magnetism that made for friendship she speedily became the center of admiring circles and her association was much sought. She was extremely popular and her death is an occasion of sorrow to large numbers of people in the two cities.

Mrs. Woodman was prominent in the Delta Alpha club, being a past president, was active in the work of the Universalist church, having membership in several of the church organizations and was conductress of Adah chapter, O. E. S. She was affiliated with the auxiliary of Philip Tighe post, American Legion, and was secretary of the organization the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Virginia, a son, Albert, her mother and two sisters, Mrs. Alta Dolphé of Colorado and Mrs. Sadie Ball of Foosland.

The funeral will be from her home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Speakers And Guests At Dinner Here

3, February 12, 1941



Speakers and guests at the dinner meeting of the fifth annual Conference of Savings Bank Junior Officers in the Hotel Eastland Tuesday night. In front, left to right, are Mrs. Albert T. Carpenter, Boston; William L. Walker, Saco; Mrs. G. Allen Huggins, Dover, N. H.; and Thomas H. Riley, Jr., Brunswick. In the rear, left to right, are Mr. Huggins; Mrs. Riley; Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Carpenter.

Retires From Duties At Saco Postoffice

SEPTEMBER 20, 1941.

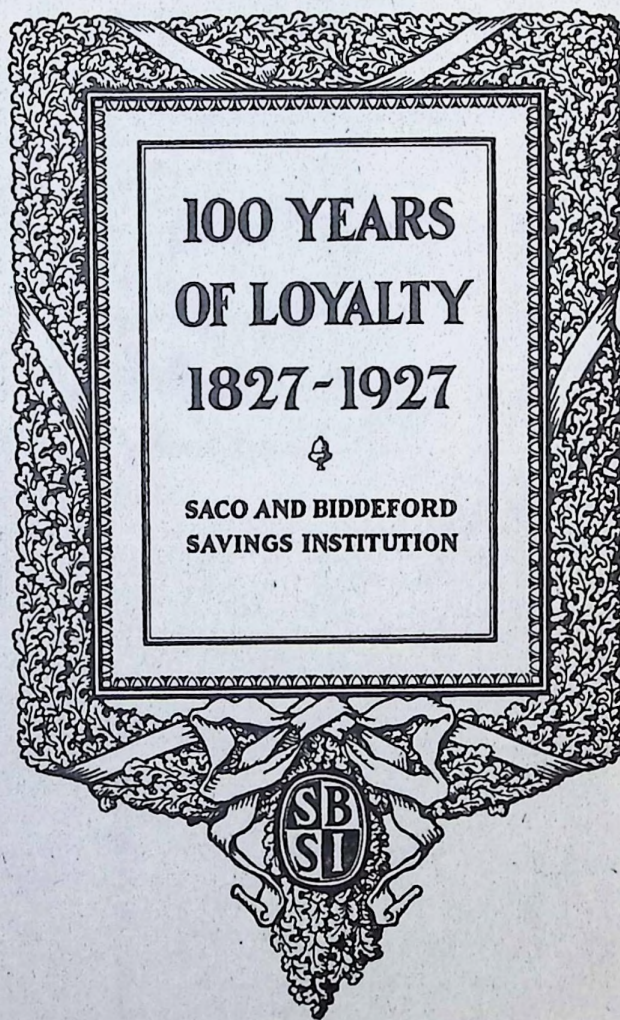


Left to right, front row: Mark Proctor, receiving congratulations from Myron Savage at the Saco postoffice, as Proctor completes 33 years of service and reaches the retirement stage.

At right is Joseph Vachon, acting postmaster. Back row: Ralph Allen, James Larkin, William Graham and M. E. Wilbur, other members of the staff at the Saco postoffice.

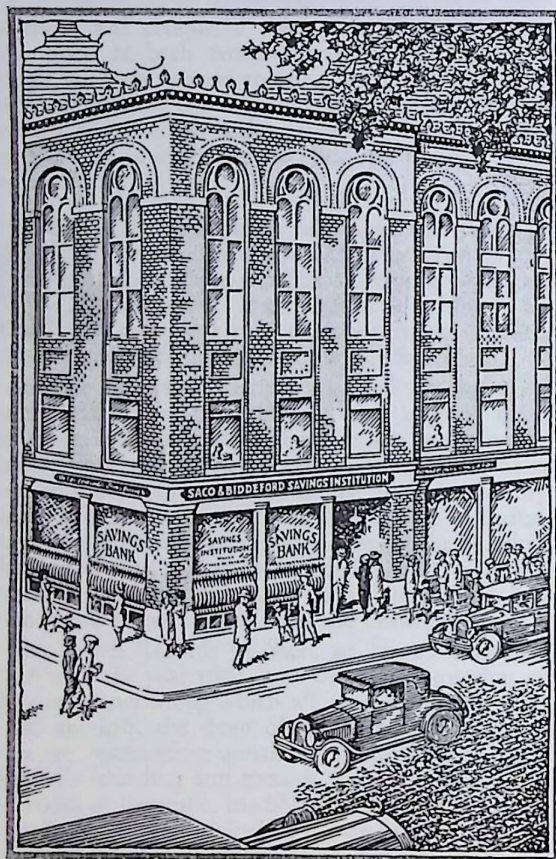
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A Hundred Years of Loyalty





The Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution

The present officers of the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution pledge themselves to the same high purpose and the same loyal, friendly service that have characterized this Bank for a Century

WHEN Martin Pring sailed from England in April 1603 and in June turned the prow of his little vessel into the mouth of the Saco River, he began the actually known history of Saco and Biddeford.

Exploring men in the early days sought out rivers and harbors for the location of a home, a neighborhood or a base for trade. Saco and Biddeford offered a wonderful opportunity of this sort to explorers and soldiers of fortune. Long before any recorded history of the twin cities began, there were legends, Indian lore and some facts which yielded a fund of more or less historical romance.

In this romantic background are dimly seen voyagers from the Old World to New England. Explorers and exploiters came to the coast of Maine, then called by the natives, Mavoshen. Both cities have in common a full measure of interesting tales of adventure which have been handed down from generation to generation, making a great mental tapestry more or less dim in its outlines but serving as a very rich ground against which the actually known history of the two cities stands out in clear relief.

Saco was settled by strong souls who welcomed hard conditions and conquered them. The men were generally good at both farming and fishing. Naturally enough with the waters teeming with cod, haddock, hake, and pollock, this "abundance of the seas" was a medium of barter with the natives of Massachusetts and Virginia in exchange for corn and imports from England.



OMMERCE in fish developed fast and became extensive. Morton recorded the then impressive fact "I have seene in one Harboure, next Richmond's Island, 15 sayle of ships at one time that have taken in them dried codds for Spaine and the Straights."

Another historian, Jocelyn, recorded of the early settlers that "They fed generally upon as good flesh, beef, pork, mutton, fowl and fish as any in the world besides." For nearly fifty years the founders of Saco lived at peace with the Indians, the Sokokis. Factory Island, as it is now called, was then known as Indian Island, the settlement and headquarters of the Sokokis. This island was a heavily wooded district with the pounding, sounding waters of Saco Falls surrounding it while just below lay the calm and beautiful Bay.

The Town Records of Saco, so far as traceable, began with the year 1653, and with the exception of a few years concerning which all records, if any were made, are lost, the story of the first years of these cities are outstanding annals in the history of New England's founding and growth. Probably nowhere is the record of fortitude, hardihood and suffering greater than that of the two cities, for it was in Saco that the first Indian wars began in 1675 and for years the inhabitants encountered all the hardships, dangers and privations which go with intermittent Indian warfare and depredation. In 1746 the hostile Indians made their

SACO & BIDDEFORD SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE.
Office in Moody & Shepley's New Brick Building in Saco,
IN CHAMBER NEXT J. & E. SHEPLEY'S OFFICE.

And will be open only every Wednesday, from half past 10 to 12 o'clock. Business commences next Wednesday, and the Treasurer will then be ready to receive Deposits, at 10 o'clock, forenoon.

ETHER SHEPLEY, Esq. President,
JONATHAN TUCKER, Vice-President.

Samuel Peirson,
Isaac Emery,
Jonathan King,
Samuel Bartley,
Reuben H. Green,
Robert Rogers,
John F. Schumann,

Trustees.

SAMUEL PEIRSON, Treasurer.

SACO, MAY 22, 1827.

NOTICE
OF THE
TOWN OF SACO & BIDDEFORD
AND RETURN

The report of the town of Saco and Biddeford, as required by the act of the Legislature, passed at the session of 1826, and which was ordered to be printed, is hereby published, and the same is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of the original, as the same appears by the records of the town.

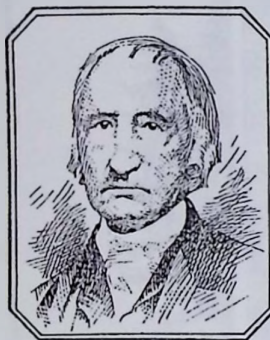
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FIRST "BROADSIDE" OR ANNOUNCEMENT
ISSUED BY THIS BANK IN MAY 1827.



IN 1718 the town of Saco was reorganized under the name of Biddeford. During these years of reconstruction under the new town name, the striking figure of William Pepperrell stands against the background. Sir William, as he afterwards became, showed such prowess in business as manufacturer and land owner that his personality must have impressed itself upon all the steady going inhabitants for we find that the name of the town of Biddeford was later changed to that of Pepperrellborough.



SAMUEL PEIRSON
Treasurer 1827 to 1843



JOHN F. SCAMMAN
Treasurer 1843 to 1845

Sir William was perhaps the richest man of his day in New England. Considerable romance surrounds the story of his life and the name Pepperrell has come down through the years and is a household word to-day throughout the country, standing in the mind of good home keepers as the name of a product of the highest standing. If Sir William and his fame have receded, the name of Lady Pepperrell is recognized in the best of homes.



THE first town meeting of Pepperrell-borough was held in July 1762. In 1805, the old Indian name of Saco was resumed. Many of the citizens had never given up their affection for the old name and at this time Saco began its career of growth and prosperity. Never again, in all probability, will the name be changed and may it be true that the future will only add to the growth and prosperity of Saco and Biddeford.



JOHN SKEELE
Treasurer 1845 to 1853



EDWARD P. BURNHAM
Treasurer 1853 to 1885

For the next quarter-century, the three outstanding events were the Peace Ball at the close of the War of 1812, the visit of President Monroe 1817 and Reception to Lafayette in 1825. These alone are events to which any city might be proud to point in its past history. Few cities in the United States can boast so rich a legacy of historical interest.



ABOUT the time of Lafayette's Reception in 1825, some farseeing and public spirited men in the town of Saco began to feel a sense of responsibility for the prosperity and welfare of the average citizen. After due consideration and application to the Legislature of Maine for Articles of Incorporation, these men were rewarded by the permission of the Legislature, and the approval of the Governor, and founded the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution. The men were Ether Shepley, Jonathan Tucker, Samuel Peirson, Isaac Emery, Jonathan King, Samuel



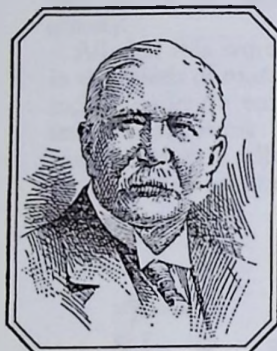
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VIEW OF SACO FALLS TAKEN IN 1829.

THE above illustration of Saco Falls is taken from the History of Saco and Biddeford written by George Folsom and printed in Saco by Alexander C. Putnam 1830. This quaint illustration is somewhat enlarged, but very exact, being done by a process preserving nearly every dot of the granular effect of the lithographic stone from which the original was printed.



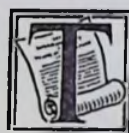
WALTER T. GOODALE
Treasurer 1909 to 1924



SUMNER C. PARCHER
President 1909 to 1923

Hartley, Reuben H. Green, Robert Rogers, John F. Scamman.

With this approval, there was issued an Announcement or Broadside as such announcements were termed at the time. If one had anything of importance to say to the public, even a grievance and the wherewithal to pay for its publishing, he issued a broadside.



HIS announcement of the opening of the Institution was published May 23, 1827. The Bank has a very precious, time-colored copy of this Announcement in its rooms for the inspection of all who enjoy ancient phraseology and really beautiful typography.

It must be remembered that at this time the name Savings Bank was unknown and the name Institution was used. In that day Banks sold shares and the idea of a Savings Headquarters for those of limited means, who were unable to buy stock or shares in a Bank was something new.

The Announcement begins "The design of this Institution is to afford to those who are desirous of saving their money, but who have not acquired sufficient to purchase a share in the Bank, or a sum in Publick stock, the means of employing their money to advantage without the risk of losing it. It is intended to encourage the industrious and prudent and to induce those who have not hitherto been such, to lessen their unnecessary expenses, and to save and lay by something for a period of life when they will be less able to earn a support."



MELVILLE H. KELLY
Treasurer 1885 to 1909

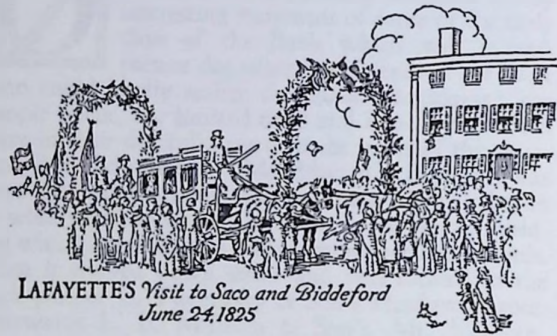
The wise and careful wording of this opening paragraph could hardly be improved upon in our day so far as the purpose or statement is concerned and it is also true that its application to present day conditions would require little if any change in phraseology. In all probability, there will always be in every community those who need and keenly appreciate the opportunities which a Savings Bank lays before them. This is another proof of the old statement that human nature has not changed much.



S a matter of fact, the old word Institution was a very wide and inclusive word and as a foundation for all sorts of Savings Bank service it could not be surpassed. Our dictionaries tell us that an Institution is an establishment, a foundation, an organ-

ized society or corporation, one affecting a community.

All that this word signifies is perhaps summed up in the minds of most of us to-day by all that we now include under the term Savings Banks. But it remains true that the name "Institution," as applied to Savings Banks, is a self evident badge of a long life of service in any community.



LAFAYETTE'S Visit to Saco and Biddeford
June 24, 1825

Naturally, the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution feels a sense of solemn pride in the fact that it has served the people of this entire section for a Century. Looking back with a clear and fearless eye, this institution substantiates its claim to "A Hundred Years of Loyalty" through the quality as well as the length of its Service.

At the first meeting of the Incorporators, Samuel Peirson was chosen Treasurer acting in that capacity until 1843. The first office was in "Moody & Shepley's New Brick Building in Chamber next J. & E. Shepley's office." That no great crowd of depositors was expected at the start is evident from the fact that the Bank was advertised to be open "Every Wednesday from half past 10 to 12 o'clock."

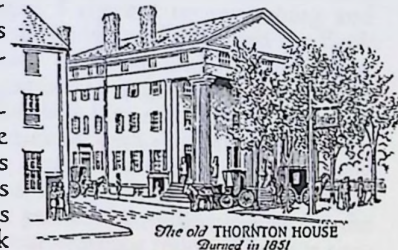


HERE is something beautifully impressive in the simplicity of the purposes of the founders of this Institution. Again it proves such old phrases as "building better than they knew," and "modest beginnings." One and a half hours each week for receiving deposits was certainly a modest beginning but back of this there lay a purpose as solid and secure as any law of the universe. As is always true at such times, plain citizens recognized the sincerity and willingness of such offers and the people of Saco began to bring their small savings into the Bank.

To Lucinda Goldthwaite belongs the honor of being the first depositor. Just one week from the published announcement, Lucinda Goldthwaite on May 30th, 1827, came into the new Banking headquarters and made a deposit of \$3.00. This deposit opened the first ledger of the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution which since that time has paid back millions of dollars in earned interest to its depositors.

The first dividend paid by this Bank amounted to \$6.91. The last regular dividend amounted to \$80,146.75. The total dividends in one hundred years have been more than Six and one-half Million Dollars — \$6,581,145.32. This great sum is the interest money earned on the deposits of the everyday thrifty folk of this entire section of the state. It shows that the purpose of the Incorporators of this Bank was a worthy one.

Will you in fancy try to estimate what this sum has meant to homes and to all ages throughout York



The old THORNTON HOUSE
Burned in 1851

County and its environs! It has meant homes and education, perhaps the establishment in business and comfort in old age, and it has made thousands and thousands of depositors during these one hundred years feel a sense of independence which nothing but a little "ready money in the Bank" can give.



ONE of the former Treasurers of this Institution, Mr. M. H. Kelly has made a very interesting statement of some of the early days of the Bank which will interest present depositors and friends of the Bank who could hardly realize the humble beginnings, the simple outfit, the limited time and Bank force which were in their day fully equal to the needs of the situation. Mr. Kelly writes: "Mr. Edward P. Burnham was born the year the Bank was organized 1827. It began in what was known in later years as the Beatty Building which stood directly where the present Bank stands. Then it moved down street and was located in the back part of C. Twombly & Son's Hardware Store, afterwards L. B. Milliken & Son's. Mr. Milliken, years ago, showed me the great key and lock which guarded the securities. From there it moved into the Calef Block on the second story back side, overlooking the depot. This block was built in 1855."



FIRST OFFICE of this Bank. Present Bank building on the same site.

"In these quarters Mr. and Mrs. Burnham served the Institution, living in two rooms next to what is now the York Mfg. Co. cotton store house which was later built, and the Institution reserved one room back (20 feet square) for business and the front room of same dimensions for the Directors or Trustees' room. In the westerly corner a brick vault was built with two doors, the inner one $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick and the outer one not over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and about 4 x 5 feet inside with a security safe two feet square. From the corner of the vault to the wall was a counter, too low to stand at and too high to sit at, over which business was transacted."

"Back of this on the north side was a standing desk with ledgers piled thereon—these are still preserved. The floor was covered with zinc and a small coal stove in which was kept what was supposed to be a fire. The wood work was yellow graining, no guard or railing. Our cash was kept on the two window-sills."

"When Mr. and Mrs. Burnham left at 9.20 A. M., I was on hand early at their request and about 8.30 I held up my hand and was sworn in as Treasurer, the cash delivered to me and the combination to the safe explained. I had not seen a security and had never counted cash. As Mr. Burnham showed me about locking the vault, I said, "This inner door does not lock." He said, "It hasn't for years." Within the next two days and a night, I checked up everything and found it all O. K. and felt better. I informed the Bank Examiner of the vault condition and he ordered the Trustee to make conditions safe or carry securities (\$1,200,000) to Portland for safe deposit. Finally through my manipulations with the Bank Examiner, we decided to move downstairs and in 1886 we were safely located there under real banking conditions. In four years we took a part of the millinery store for the public and enlarged our working room. Thus we con-

tinued until becoming dissatisfied with the smoke and dust and the fact that some depositors even refused to come across the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks, there began a scheme to go up street which, after three years, was accomplished."

Contrasting this with the present day service of the Bank is good proof that the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution has kept abreast of the times in offering everything that a modern Savings Bank should give its Depositors. The purposes of the Institution cannot change. Its service will be constantly readjusted, not only to the demands of the times but to the opportunities of the times. We do not offer a perfunctory service but any genuine, friendly help which may be within the power of the Bank to give.

To present depositors who have made this Bank what it is to-day we offer our sincere appreciation for the privilege of working with them for such results as have been attained. To future depositors who will join this great family of Savers and make this Bank what it is yet to be in Service and influence, we offer our most cordial welcome to all the privileges and prosperity which lie ahead. Come in and share them with us.



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Present Treasurer

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